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Kowloon	...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.43	7.15
Yaumati	...Dep.	6.49	—	9.20	10.07	12.07	1.22	—	4.42	5.50	7.23
Shatin	...Dep.	7.01	—	9.33	10.19	12.19	1.34	—	4.54	6.02	7.35
Taipo	...Dep.	7.15	—	9.48	10.32	12.32	1.47	—	5.07	6.15	7.48
Taipo Market	Dep.	7.20	—	9.53	10.36	12.36	1.51	—	5.11	6.19	7.52
Fanling	...Dep.	7.30	—	10.05	10.46	12.46	2.01	—	5.21	6.30	8.02
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.35	—	10.10	10.51	12.51	2.06	—	5.26	6.35	8.07
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.16	10.57	12.57	2.12	2.55	5.32	6.41	8.13
Canton	...Arr.	—	11.50	5.38	—	—	—	6.03	—	—	—

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Canton	...Dep.	—	—	—	8.05	—	—	—	—	3.20
Shumchun	...Dep.	7.18	8.05	10.24	11.09	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.25	8.12	10.41	—	11.44	3.05	4.48	5.56	—
Fanling	...Dep.	7.30	8.16	10.46	—	11.49	3.10	4.52	6.00	—
Taipo Market	Dep.	7.40	8.26	10.56	—	12.00	3.21	5.02	6.10	—
Taipo	...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.00	—	12.05	3.26	5.07	6.15	—
Shatin	...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.13	—	12.19	3.39	5.20	6.28	—
Yaumati	...Dep.	8.11	8.56	11.25	—	12.31	3.51	5.32	6.40	—
Kowloon	...Arr.	8.17	9.02	11.31	11.49	12.37	3.57	5.38	6.46	7.04

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Taipo	...Dep.	7.15	—	—	—	9.48	10.32	12.32	2.56	—	5.52	7.48
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Fanling	...Dep.	7.30	—	—	—	10.05	10.46	12.46	3.10	—	6.07	8.02
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.35	—	9.07	9.41	10.10	10.51	12.51	3.15	—	6.12	8.07
Shum Chun	Arr.	7.41	8.45	9.13	9.47	10.16	10.57	12.57	3.21	2.55	6.18	8.13
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Our London Letter.

SOCIALISTS AT VARIANCE.

QUARRELS AND JEALOUSY.

GOVERNMENT AND THE GREYHOUNDS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, December 31st.

To those in touch with politics there is nothing surprising in the resignation of Mr. Snowden from membership of the Independent Labour Party. This is the comparatively small section which makes programmes of the ultra "Red" variety for the Labour Party and sets the pace. He regards its mission as a propagandist body for the spread of Socialism as ended, and that it should become merged in the Labour Party. Mr. Snowden has been at logger-heads with the I.L.P., for some time. He has repudiated many both of their ideas on the platform and in the Press.

The differences between the former Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labour Government and the leaders of the I.L.P., came to a head recently over the proposed surtax on unearned incomes of over £500 a year. This fantastic idea has been forced on the Labour Party as a definite part of the Labour programme. The suggestion is that a hundred millions a year over and above the present crushing total of taxation would be realised by the surtax. The money would be used—not to reduce the national debt, but for the furtherance of Socialist schemes in the form of sops and doles to the "'orney 'anded sons of toil." Mr. Snowden, who is about the only man in the Socialist party with a knowledge of finance, says the proposed tax is economically unsound, and the expected yield would prove illusory.

Quarrelsome "Comrades."

It may be that other prominent men in the Labour Party will be tempted to follow Mr. Snowden's lead. For the past three or four years Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the ex-Premier, has been worried by the turbulence of the I.L.P. wire-pullers. But as one of the earliest members of this section of the party of which he is the accredited leader he has not broken with the disturbers of the general peace. He retains his membership from sentimental reasons.

It is probably the case that Mr. Snowden has resigned without consulting any of the other leaders, but it is well known that his views on the surtax, and generally with regard to the I.L.P., are shared by most of them. To a political observer it is a source of amusement to note the constant divisions that proceed in the ranks of the Socialists. They are a quarrelsome crowd, always squabbling and bickering, and intensely jealous of any man who gets into prominence in the Labour movement. To bait the leaders is considered quite good sport.

The Passing Of The Grand Hotel.

Another of the familiar places of call or temporary sojourn in London has vanished by the closing of the Grand Hotel. It occupied a fine position on the corner of Northumberland Avenue, with a good view over Trafalgar Square. In some ways the position is the best in all London, and the building is to be converted into suites of offices.

The Grand Hotel had a distinctive atmosphere of its own, due perhaps to its earliest days, when it was completed in record time in order to be ready for the week of the first Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The lounge was a favourite resort of men with means and a discriminating taste in good liquor. There was a certain sporting element among the frequenters because it was the rendezvous of noted horse trainers. The big shipbuilders also made it their headquarters, chiefly owing to its proximity to the Admiralty, a few hundred paces away in Whitehall.

(Continued on next Column.)

"MONNA LISA."

AUTHENTICITY PROVED BY SCIENCE.

GENUINE WORK AND NOT A COPY.

PARIS, Dec. 29th.

A famous work's reputation has been saved by modern science.

An "expertise" of the Monna Lisa of the Louvre Museum by the X-ray and ultra-violet ray has failed to reveal a single doubt about her authenticity, or a single blemish on her family tree.

A legend has been growing up that Leonard da Vinci's masterpiece, which was returned to the museum by the Italian Government in 1913—it had been hidden in a cheap hotel room in Florence for two years—was not the original that Vincenzo Perugia, the Italian bohemian artist, had carried out of the Louvre in his umbrella in August 1911.

Rose Lacquer.

"It is certainly a copy," the late Gustave Geffroy, a distinguished art critic and director of the Gobelin tapestry works, remarked many times.

"The original had a transparent rose lacquer on the lips, which is not on this one," other artists pointed out.

"And this painting is much darker than the one that was stolen," still others contended.

The Louvre authorities laughed at these sceptics, although the documentary proofs that they exhibited would be considered incomplete to-day. They had photographed Monna Lisa or "La Joconde," as she is known in France, shortly before she was stolen, and a magnified copy of this photograph clearly showed the cracks, which are a painting's "fingerprints."

The cracks in the painting returned from Italy were identical with those in the photograph of the original, and the vast majority of experts accepted this proof as conclusive.

The development of new photographic processes—in particular the X-ray, ultra-violet ray, and microphotography—led M. Henri Verne, director of the Louvre Museum, to examine recently his 9,000 paintings by these methods.

It was a brave thing to do, even if the results were not to be made public. The two rays, and particularly the ultra-violet one, instantaneously reveal the full history of an old painting—the alterations, restorations, suppressions, additions, and a host of other details, as well as exposing modern fakes.

His Favourite Brand.

There is a story of famous Clyde shipbuilder of the 'nineties whose ships are still ploughing the Atlantic. He used to keep a special supply of his favourite whiskey in the smoking room, and the head waiter had strict instructions to supply it free to anybody whom he knew even by name only, who asked for a glass from Mr. Blank's bottle. The waiter poured out the glass behind the scenes. If the bottle came to an end with that particular glass a new bottle had to be paid for by the man who asked for it; otherwise he got his whiskey free.

Greyhound Racing.

The Home Secretary gave a warning hint to investors in greyhound racing companies a few days ago to the effect that betting at the meetings would probably be made illegal. As a result there has been a slump in the share of the leading companies. People go to see the races, not for the sport, chiefly, but in order to "have a gamble." The profits made at some of the meetings have been enormous, and has led to the flotation of companies in many parts of the country. Scores of new companies are projected; but Sir William Johnson-Hick's announcement has created a new situation.

The Government have been moved to consider the matter with a view to legislation on account of the growing habit of children to indulge in betting on greyhounds. It is said that it has become a fever with many, and one hears of youngsters who have literally "gone to the dogs." But I think the Government might have made an announcement earlier. It seems scarcely fair now to the thousands who have put their money into the greyhound racing companies.—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Bankruptcy Court, 10:30 a.m.

Interport Golf: Manila *v.* Shanghai (Fourballs or Foursomes and Singles).

Fanling Hunt: Drag Hunt, Meet at Mr. Potts' Bungalow, 2.45 p.m.

Yachting: Reserved for resail or for other race for racing classes.

American Lawn Tennis Tournament at Ladies' Recreation Club.

Tennis: Liceu Central de Macau *v.* Club de Recreio.

Cricket League:—Division I.: C.S.C.C. *v.* I.R.C. "A"; Royal Navy *v.* Kowloon C.C. Division II.: Kowloon C.C. *v.* R.A.O.C.; Police R.C. *v. Tamar.*

Friendly Cricket: University 2nd XI. *v.* C.S.C.C. 2nd XI.; H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. *v.* Navy.

Football League:—Division I.: Queen's *v.* South China; Scots Guards *v.* Club; Recreio *v.* Kowloon; Royal Air Force *v.* Police; Chinese Athletic *v.* K.O.S.B. Division II. "A": K.O.S.B. *v.* Royal Artillery; South China "A" Kowloon; Recreio *v.* South China "B"; Club *v.* St. Joseph's; Chinese Athletic *v.* University.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.

Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m.

Royal Artillery Association (Hong Kong Branch) dance at Seamen's Institute, 8 p.m.

R.E.W.O.'s and Sergts. Mess Whist Drive, R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "College."

World Theatre: "The Gold Rush."

Star Theatre: "The Wedding Song."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *via* Negapatam, letters only (*Laisang*); U.S.A., etc. (*President Wilson*). Outward: Europe *via* Marseilles, etc. (*Haruna Maru*), 1.30 p.m.; Canada, America, etc. and Europe *via* Victoria, B.C. (*Protesilaus*), 10.30 a.m.

Sunday.

4th Sunday after Epiphany.

Interport Golf: Hong Kong *v.* Manila (singles).

Fanling Hunt: K. O. S. B. Gymkhana.

Yachting: 4th Championship race for cruisers.

Cricket: Volunteers *v.* Chinese R.C., 2 p.m.; University "B" *v.* Club de Recreio "B" (Polefulam), 2 p.m.

3rd Annual Masonic Service, St. John's Cathedral, 6 p.m.

Theosophical Society Lecture, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 6 p.m.

"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.: Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Irresistible Lover."

World Theatre: "Way Down East."

Star Theatre: "The Desert's Toll."

Monday.

Interport Golf: Hong Kong *v.* Shanghai (singles).

Interport Football Teams (Soccer and Rugby) due.

Nominations close for election of Justice of the Peace as Member of the Legislative Council.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5—6.30 p.m.

Hockey: Army *v.* R.A.F. (Sim Shield).

The Dean and Mrs. Swann "at Home," St. John's Cathedral Hall, 4.30—5.30 p.m.

Annual Meeting of St. John's Cathedral Seatholders and Subscribers, Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Extraordinary General Meeting United Services Recreation Club (for members only), 6 p.m.

Interport Golf Dinner, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.15 p.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Ben Hur."

World Theatre: "Way Down East."

Star Theatre: "The Desert's Toll."

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Tuesday.

Interport Golf Teams (Shanghai and Manila) leave on *President Cleveland* and *President Madison.*

Extraordinary General Meeting Lane, Crawford's, Ltd., Exchange Building, noon.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Hockey: Club 2nd XI. *v.* H.K. S.R.A., King's Park, 4.45 p.m.

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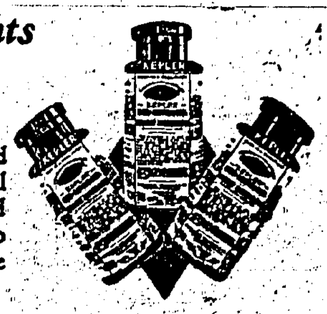

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FORTHCOMING VISIT TO HONG KONG.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2nd.

An engagement for Miss Maude Royden, the famous English preacher, to address the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Chicago on February 12th has been cancelled by Mrs. D. B. Brummitt, chairman of the arrangements committee, the supposed reason being the fact that Miss Royden sometimes smokes cigarettes.

Miss Royden is engaged on a lecture tour in America and will return Home *via* the Far East when she proposes to pay a visit to Hong Kong.

Mr. W. B. Feakins, Miss Royden's lecture manager, gave cigarette smoking as the reason for the Chicago lecture being cancelled. Mrs. Brummitt herself, asked "if cigarette-smoking was the cause of the ban, replied, "I wouldn't say so."

She was asked whether the society had discussed Miss Royden's cigarette-smoking, but evaded a direct answer. She had nothing to say when she was informed that the New York *World* published a letter on the subject which it says she sent to Mr. Feakins.

According to this correspondence, Mrs. Brummitt pointed out that smoking is not a general practice in this country, and is not done at all by the woman of our Churches." She also stated, "Chicago women have definitely stated that they will cancel the engagement here, since they feel that they cannot sponsor the luncheon after learning that Miss Royden uses cigarettes."

"I Don't Care A Button."

The *World* also quotes a letter which Miss Royden wrote to Mr. Feakins a week ago stating: "I don't care a button whether or not I smoke while in America, but I certainly do not concede that it is a matter of religious importance."

The Boston branch of the same society has also cancelled an engagement for Miss Royden to lecture, the reason stated by the *World* being because "she advocated companionate marriage." So far as is known here, Miss Royden has never definitely done so.

The cancelled engagements have been quickly filled by Mr. Feakins, who has received numerous applications from various religious organisations throughout the country.

MISS ROYDEN'S REPLY.

"WHAT HAS SMOKING TO DO WITH RELIGION?"

Miss Maude Royden, when the news of the Chicago ban reached her by wireless on the *Aquitania*, sent the reply: "What has smoking to do with religious questions?"

"It is certainly true that Miss Royden smokes," said Mr. Dawson, the hon. secretary of the Fellowship Guild, to a *Daily Express* representative, "but she is not an inveterate smoker. She simply has an occasional cigarette."

Mr. Dawson said that before Miss Royden left England on her tour she had a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury asking her if she believed in companionate marriage, and she said that she did not.

Miss Royden gave an address on "Companionate Marriages" at the Guildhouse recently. She set out impartially the claims of the advocates of such unions, but left no doubt that she was opposed to them.

"Although such a 'trial marriage,'" she said, "is not, and it would be wrong to call it, mere promiscuity, yet neither is it marriage. It is a delusion to think that you can really 'try' an experiment of which the very essence is finality, without finality. It is grasping at a shadow and losing the substance."

ROTARY AND BUSINESS.

CHANGING IDEAS IN TRADE.

IS THE COMPRADORE SYSTEM DOOMED?

TIENTSIN, Jan. 14th.

Rotarian Jack Nuland gave an eloquent and timely address to the Rotary Club, Tientsin, on the Relationship of Rotary to Business. He first emphasised that a Rotary Club was not simply a tiffin club, nor a philanthropic society, but a body in which business men could get together and help one another and society at large.

It was very easy to say that conditions in Tientsin were quite different, and that the type of business organisation in the city was international. But even in the short time he had been in China there had been changes. After citing some of these, Rotarian Nuland went on to urge that many more changes were coming and they would have to meet them. There was a great possibility, for instance, that the Compradore system would disappear; that Chinese-owned banks run in the foreign style might displace foreign banks doing the bulk of the business. The Chinese were more and more buying direct and going over the heads of the middlemen. What were they all doing to meet the changes? What was the Rotary Club doing about them? Were they going to consider them as an organised body together and convey their message to the different trades? The answer to these questions probably also furnished the answer to the question whether they were the type of business leaders the founder of the movement had in mind. —*P. & T. Times.*

RUGBY PLAYER'S AIR CRASH.

EX-CAPTAIN OF FRENCH TEAM KILLED.

CHATEAUROUX, Jan. 2nd.

The brilliant young French International Rugby player, Lieutenant Yves Dumanoir, was killed this morning in an aeroplane accident.

Lieutenant Dumanoir, who had only recently finished his studies at the Ecole Polytechnique, was carrying out his military service as an air lieutenant, and was making a practice flight this morning between Avord and Chateauroux. While approaching Reuilly at a speed of 125 miles an hour the aeroplane, which was flying very low, caught against the top of a tall poplar tree and immediately crashed to the ground. Eye-witnesses of the accident hurried to the spot, but the young airman was already gasping his last.

The cause of the accident is not known, but it is surmised that Lieutenant Dumanoir had lost his way and had come down very low while approaching the railway station of Reuilly to try and find out where he was.

Lieutenant Dumanoir was one of the best Rugby players in France, and had represented his country eight times in international matches.

HOW TO HEAL SORE STOMACHS.

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TRADE ACTIVITY AT HOME.

BANKERS' CLEARINGS IN 1927.

A GOOD BAROMETER.

Evidence of financial and, to some extent, of commercial activity during the past year is afforded by the annual statistics of bankers' clearing.

The grand total of the "clearings" in Great Britain for the year was no less than £41,550,641,000, being an increase over the preceding year of £1,725,467,000, or 4.3 per cent.

That the year should have beaten 1926 is, of course, not surprising having regard to the General Strike and the coal stoppage, but it is satisfactory to note that the

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previous record year of 1925 is also beaten by £1,113,000,000, or nearly 3 per cent.

During the first half of 1927 there was little sign of a revival in trade, but during the second half especially during the final quarter, the rise in the volume of country cheques cleared suggests a turn in the tide of trade. On the whole, however, the greatest influence responsible for the big total of banking clearings for the year was the great activity in new capital issues, the important loan conversion operations by the Government, and, most important of all, perhaps, the continuous activity on the Stock Exchange.

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Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
Matins at 11 a.m.:—
Preacher: The Dean.
Evensong at 6 p.m.:—
Preacher:—Rev. C. B. Shann. [97

UNION CHURCH
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SUNDAY SERVICES, January 29th:—
Sunday School at 9.45 a.m.
Morning Service at 10.30 a.m.:—
Hymns: 298, 446, 288 and 272.
Evening Service at 6 p.m.:—
Hymns: 18, 535, 291, 290 and 675.
Preacher at both Services:—Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie.
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WEDNESDAY, February 1st, at 8.15 p.m.—Soldiers' and Sailors' Christian Association. [95

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East Asia Bank	$73½ buy.
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"COMMERCIAL INSOLENCE."

"G.K.C." ON AMERICANISATION.

PASSING OF THE ENGLISH INNS.

Speaking on "Americanisation" to the members of the Delphian Coterie at their dinner at the Connon-street Hotel, Mr. G. K. Chesterton said he did not object to that process going on in America itself, but he did most violently object to the Americanisation of England. At the same time we should approach this sort of international criticism with a good deal of that virtue which our fathers called Christian Humility, but he did not know what the Americans called it, because they had probably no equivalent term. (Laughter.) He was not sure that we English people had very much right to be Pharisaical about the present commercial insolence of America.

Showing Off.

Criticisms of the manners of the Americans, their habit of showing off their wealth, and of insulting poorer but much more civilised countries bore rather uncomfortable resemblance, he was afraid, to the reputation which the Englishman had in the early part of the nineteenth century when he travelled abroad. When our commercial triumph was at its height we were also a little bit inclined to interpret commercialism in terms of caddishness. (Laughter.) The American had many noble and charming qualities. He was not cynical, he retained a great fountain of simple enthusiasm, almost always turned to absurd objects, and he was very faithful to some traditions of his great Republican experiment. It was one of the great men of the democratic America—as distinct from the modern plutocratic America—who said that God never made one nation good enough to rule another. What, however, we were now threatened with was the dominion of a civilisation inferior to our own, and inferior because, by the nature of things, it had been somewhat cut off from the main centres of culture. What had come to the top in that country was not American any more than it was English. It was largely a cosmopolitan commercial mass and a mixture of innumerable races that had resulted in chaos. (Laughter.)

Bribes Worse Than Conquest.

When, asked Mr. Chesterton, had been the effect on ourselves? In the ordinary sense one race governed another through military conquest. But those who were always trumpeting to us about their commercial triumphs, asserting that they were advanced and up-to-date, and telling us that we were reduced to the rôle of somnambulists, did not realise the other side of the argument. There was such a thing as an invasion and conquest not necessarily undertaken by armed men or soldiers. Would to God it were undertaken by anyone so decent and respectable! (Laughter.) One had more sympathy with a soldier, who was only serving his own flag, than one could have for the gradual penetration of one's land by an alien corruption, which called on the fort to surrender, not to battle, but a bribe. It was the old English habits of life, the look of the old English towns, even the whole tone of existence, which was being altered by the economic and commercial triumph of America. In confirmation of this he could give hundreds of examples. If ever there was a precious thing on this earth it was the old English inn. (Laughter.) Entirely peculiar to ourselves, it was so great that out of its own glory it produced great figures of fiction which seemed designed for it, like Pickwick, and the great characters of English comedy. Now the transformation of the English inn into the American hotel was going on all over this country and nobody stopped it. (Laughter.) If the officer of a foreign army came and dictated terms to us everone would turn out and fight him in the streets. (Laughter.) But all this was done simply by the power of money, and because people with more money than was good for them, or us, came and ordered these changes. Nowadays Englishmen had to be turned into exquisite orchids because of a system of central heating in the hotels that was entirely unsuitable for our English weather. (Laughter.) It was because rich Americans came and asked for it to be done, and it was done. (Laughter.) Englishmen used to be fond of fresh air, and make themselves offensive about it abroad. (Laughter.) They either opened the windows or broke the panes. (Laughter.) He hoped to see somebody breaking the windows of one of the American hotels in England. (Laughter.)

Invasion By Idiotic Street Signs.

Changes were being brought about, by political arrangements, which might well be left to the politicians, but in the actual modes of living which belonged to us all as Englishmen. Look at the English streets (concluded Mr. Chesterton). Shortly after the war, when

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DOCTORS KILL A CAT.

HOSPITAL MESSROOM 4 A.M. SCENE.

STORY OF STOLEN SANDWICHES.

Dr. George Dunluce Eccles, deputy medical superintendent of the Bermondsey Hospital, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, S.E., and Dr. Kenneth Noel Purkis were summoned by the R.S.P.C.A. at Tower Bridge for cruelty to the hospital cat.

Mr. Gordon Jones, prosecuting, said there was a very docile cat which had been at the hospital for three years. There was a messroom in which members of the staff coming home late at night could find light refreshment laid out for them.

On November 27th the messroom was found in considerable disorder. The table had a castor off, the couch was disarranged, and the whole room bore evidence of a violent and prolonged struggle.

Bloodstained Wall.

Not only was the furniture disarranged and the cups and saucers broken, but also all over the room were bloodstains—on the wall, on the carpet, and on the wireless set.

The fireirons were bent and the hospital cat was missing.

The medical superintendent held an inquiry, and Dr. Purkis said he found some sandwiches eaten by the cat which had got underneath some furniture. It became very wild, and as he thought the best thing to do was to kill the animal he did so.

The cat's body was found in some shrubs outside the hospital, and an examination revealed terrible injuries, including a broken shoulder-blade. A veterinary surgeon said the animal died from shock.

"Lost Tempers."

Mr. Gordon Jones said he submitted that what had happened was that these two doctors came home late at night, found the cat almost in the act of taking their sandwiches, and chased it. The cat, in its fright turned and scratched one of them, and they lost their tempers and then, in the dead of night, without any interference whatever, they beat the wretched animal.

It might be said that their intention was to kill the cat, but intention was not a defence. If there was cruelty it did not matter what the motive might be.

Dr. Robert Hartley, medical superintendent of the hospital, said he had known the ginger cat for over three years. It was a timid animal, and after he had seen the messroom he held an inquiry. Dr. Purkis said that when the cat attacked Dr. Eccles they killed it as mercifully as they could.

After A Dance.

Dr. Eccles, giving evidence, said he had been assistant medical superintendent at the hospital for 15 years. He had been to a dance at Knightsbridge that evening with his wife and Dr. and Mrs. Purkis, leaving there about 3.15 a.m. When he tried to pick up the sandwiches on the floor of the messroom at 4 a.m. the cat sprang out from underneath a sofa and attacked his hand. The cat looked mad, and for the sake of the inmates he made up his mind that it must be killed. The cat had torn off one of his finger-nails and had scratched his hand so severely that he had it wrapped in surgical dressings for a fortnight.

Dr. Purkis gave similar evidence.

Mr. Tassell, the magistrate, said the story was a very, very extraordinary one. It was urged that the cat began it. What he had to consider was whether the doctors had taken the most merciful way of killing the cat. He dismissed the summons.

UR OF THE CHALDEES.

HOW FASHIONS CHANGED 5,400 YEARS AGO.

GIANT EAR-RINGS.

There were fashions in ear-rings and hairdressing 5,400 years ago. That is one discovery made in the past season by the expedition which is excavating Ur of the Chaldees, the birth-place of Abraham.

The expedition is the joint work of the British Museum and the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania.

Women, it has been found, at one time wore a sort of hair net made of gold ribbons that crossed on the crown of the head and came down to a fillet made of two gold ribbons between which ran a double string of coloured beads, hung with gold mulberry leaves.

Ear-rings took the form of grotesquely large pendants in the form of a crescent moon.

Gold Head-Plate.

The same gold ribbon was used later in a different way. It was twisted in a spiral round two long tresses that hung from above the ears, and these braided locks were then brought, one above the other, across the front of the head so as just to overlap an oblong plate of gold set over the forehead.

Ear-rings later became quite small spirals of gold and silver interlaced.

The burial, absolutely undisturbed, of a royal prince who lived some hundreds of years before the first dynasty of the Kings of Ur, perhaps as early as 3,500 B.C., was found.

His name, Mes-Kalam-Dug, was written on the gold vessels which he took with him to the grave. The most remarkable of his possessions was a head-dress of beaten gold padded inside with cloth. It fitted over the whole head, covering the neck and cheeks. His elaborately dressed hair and whiskers are represented on it in repoussé work and engraving.

"Good Hero."

Nothing of the kind has ever been found before in Mesopotamia. Close to the head were two bowls and a lamp of gold, each inscribed with the name of the owner, Mes-Kalam-Dug, "The good hero of the land."

A battle-axe of electrum lay by the shoulder, and by the side another axe-head, also of electrum. A dagger with golden blade and hilt of silver and gold hung from a silver belt. Heaps of beads in gold and lapis lazuli lay on either side of the body, gold and silver ear-rings, a gold pin with lapis head, a pin with a gold head in the shape of a sitting monkey, finger rings, and other small objects of personal wear were in the grave.

Spears were struck upright in the earth against the ends of the pit, one of them with its shaft mounted with gold.

MUSICAL GENIUS OF A BLIND BOY.

COMPOSER OF BEST OF 1,000 SONGS.

CHARWOMAN'S SON.

There is a most interesting romance behind the new valse-song "Why did you say?" which was played during Christmas week at the Coliseum by the Debroy Somers Band.

When, a few months ago, Debroy Somers was playing in Scotland he offered a prize for the best original song. A thousand songs of various kinds were sent in, and the one chosen was "Why did you say?" which turned out to be the composition of William Neill, a poor student of Edinburgh University, who had been blind since birth, and is distantly related to Sir Harry Lauder.

Fellow-Student.

Neill's mother, who is a charwoman living in a poor quarter of Edinburgh, persuaded her son to enter for the competition, and her son's friend, D. A. Mackie, who had been a poor fellow-student with him, wrote the words.

Although Neill is only twenty, he is a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and a Bachelor of Music of Edinburgh University; he is now studying for the degrees of master of arts and doctor of music. His early education was paid for by a blind school, and he is now meeting the cost of his classes by working as an organist and choir master.

On the night the prize song was played at the Edinburgh Empire the loud cheering which followed it was heard by a music publisher, who accepted the work immediately. Tens of thousands of copies were sold within three days, and in less than three weeks it had been recorded by many of the leading dance bands of the country.

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DEATH SENTENCE ON ACTRESS.

WEEPS ON HUSBAND'S NECK IN DOCK.

MONTREAL.

George Macdonald, aged 26, an American confidence man, and his pretty young actress wife, Doris Palmer Macdonald, 21, have been sentenced to death for the murder of Adelard Bouchard, a taxicab driver, whom they also robbed while driving them towards the United States border in July last.

Macdonald took the verdict calmly, but the woman threw her arms around her husband's neck and wept and moaned as the judge assumed the black cap. She went limp in her husband's arms, almost pulling him to the floor of the dock when sentence was pronounced. A third person concerned, a man named Fred Palmer, alias Vance, is in gaol at Butte, Montana, awaiting extradition.

Macdonald, who posed as a commander in the American Navy, engaged Bouchard at Montreal to drive him and his wife across the borders, picking up Palmer on the way. Near Huntingdon one of them shot the driver and his body was thrown into a roadside ditch.

Assuming the chauffeur's cap, Macdonald drove the party across the frontier. Detectives traced them to Pittsburgh, where they had defrauded an hotel-keeper, and they were subsequently arrested at Butte.

U. S. R. C.

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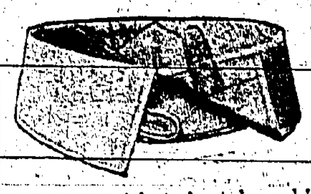

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JAPAN'S POLICY IN CHINA.

INTERESTS TO BE PROTECTED.

MANCHURIA, MONGOLIA AND THE YANGTSZE VALLEY.

We are indebted to the Japanese Consul-General for the following translation of a recent speech by the Japanese Foreign Minister at the opening of the Imperial Diet in Tokyo. An interesting statement was made with regard to Japan's policy towards China.

The disturbances in China, he said, showed no sign of ending and were a matter of serious consequence to Japan. Should certain factions there endanger the lives and property of the foreign residents and sap the foundation of Japan's economic interests the Government would not tolerate such a situation. That was their position with regard to China and in the event of the Chinese authorities disregarding their treaty obligations and giving insufficient protection to lives and property of foreigners the Japanese Government would take suitable measures.

It was superfluous to state that the Japanese Government had no intention of interfering with the domestic affairs of China, but they would not hesitate at any moment to take proper steps to insure their rights and interests and to safeguard the lives and property of their nationals in China.

Japan had been obliged to despatch troops temporarily for the purpose of protecting her nationals in the district of Tsinan, when hostilities spread towards Shantung. It was a matter of gratification that, as a result, the safety of their compatriots in that region had been assured.

Increasing Lawlessness.

"The latest developments in Chinese affairs showed an increasing tendency in many parts of the country to violate treaties and disregard protests. Action of this character could not be overlooked and accordingly, the Japanese Government have already taken appropriate measures to cope with actual conditions.

Manchuria And Mongolia.

"With reference to Manchuria and Mongolia, especially the Three Eastern Provinces," said the Foreign Minister, "we are inclined to think that in view of their historical and geographical relations to this country, it may be necessary for us to take these provinces into special consideration. The Japanese Government hope that these provinces will always be kept in good order and rendered safe and peaceful for Chinese and foreigners alike. Animated by an earnest desire, for the maintenance of peace and order there we are closely watching the situation.

"In this connection, the Japanese Government particularly wish it understood that, as in other parts of China, they always intend to respect and observe the principles of the open door and equal opportunity in those provinces. In pursuance of this principle, they are prepared to co-operate with the Chinese Authorities and people for economic development of the region.

"Not a small number of our residents in Yangtsze Valley were effected by the disturbances in the spring, and returned home. As, however, things gradually quieted, the Government considered it desirable for them to return and to re-establish their positions. The Government has been granting relief and advancing capital to all who suffered. It is a matter of congratulation that these steps contributed in no small degree to the restoration of Japan's economic position in that part of China."

FOR THE SERVICES.

"CHEER O" PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK.

The following programme has been arranged at the "Cheer O" Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. for next week:—

To-morrow (Sunday):—Musical evening, 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday: Sing-Song, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday: Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.
Thursday: Impromptu Dance, 7.30 p.m.
Friday: Concert and dance, 7.30 p.m.

HONG KONG SHARE MARKET.

GOOD BUSINESS AND A HEALTHY TONE.

DEMAND CONTINUES UNABATED.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts in their weekly report on the local share market, dated yesterday, state that business, though interrupted by the Chinese New Year holidays, has been on a generous scale and prices in many instances shew a further improvement. Money appears to be plentiful, consequently the demand for both investment and speculative stocks continues unabated, the market closing firm with a healthy tone.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks were again dealt in at $1,200. The latest cabled quotation from London comes slightly lower at £129 10s. (Middle). Unions were placed to a fair extent at $301. Cantons are enquired for at $500 and probably a little more would be paid.

Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboats have buyers at $95, with no sellers in evidence. Indo-Chinas "Preferred" are in demand and have advanced to $35, with no sales reported. Waterboats have risen to $18 following the announcement of a dividend of $1.25 and bonus of 25 cents per share.

Kowloon Wharves were put through at $129/129½. Whampoa Docks are enquired for and a few shares changed hands at $42.

China Providents were prominent again, and a strong demand for the shares has raised the price to $6.10. Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels were active and finished up with buyers at $8.60.

Hong Kong Lands were negotiated at $61 and more are wanted. Realtys have moved upwards to $5.60 on rumours of a forthcoming dividend. Humphreys Estates changed hands at $15.

Hong Kong Trams are wanted at $25 after sales at this figure. Star Ferries were marked higher at $63½. China Lights (Combined) were bid up to $15. China Sugars might be placed at $8½, at which price there was a little business.

Hong Kong Ropes have been in good request and have had a smart rise, with buyers at $8 and the New shares can be placed at $3. Green Island Cements (Combined) still continue to be a centre of attraction and large purchases have been made up to $12. Hong Kong Telephones were bought at the improved price of $4.40 and continue in request.

Dairy Farms are ruling strong with no shares coming out for sale. Watsons are sought for at $11.45. Lane, Crawfords are in some demand at $3.60. Amusements have strengthened and buyers prevail at $26. Canton Ices are in demand $3½.

Tugs and Lighters were favoured again and fetched $3, on rumours of this Company being absorbed by the China Provident Company. Raubs have buyers at $4½ after transactions at this rate.

The Shanghai Market shows a slight improvement and there are buyers of Ewos at Tls. 7½, Orientals at Tls. 2, and Shanghai Lands at Tls. 130.

HUMPHREY'S ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

NET PROFIT OF $272,191 RECORDED.

The annual ordinary general meeting of Humphrey's Estate and Finance Company, Ltd., is to be held at the Hong Kong Hotel on Thursday, February 9th, at 11 a.m., and the report of the Directors for the year ended December 31st, 1927, states:—

The Net Profit for that period, after deducting Directors' and General Managers' remuneration and including $95,416.32 brought forward from last account, amounts to $272,191.95.

This the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:—Dividend of 80 cents per share, $120,000; Bonus of 20 cents per share, $30,000; Transfer to Typhoon and Floods Insurance Fund, $2,096.02; Transfer to Special Repairs and Renewals Account, $18,680.41; Carry forward to new Profit and Loss Account, $101,415.52; Total, $272,101.95.

Directors.

During the year Mr. A. O. Lang resigned on leaving the Colony, his place being taken by Mr. L. J. Davies, Mr. L. J. Davies later resigned his seat on the Board and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie was invited to fill the vacancy. In accordance with Clause 86 of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr. J. M. Alves and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, and Messrs. Linstead & Davis. Both firms offer themselves for re-election.

POLICE CHIEF ENTERTAINED.

INDIAN INSPECTORS AS HOSTS.

WARM TRIBUTES TO THE INDIAN FORCE.

Khan Sahib Inspector Nawab Khan and Sardar Sahib Inspector Mohinder Singh, of the Hong Kong Police Force, were the hosts at a tea party given at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant yesterday afternoon in honour of the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police) and to congratulate their chief on his recent award in the New Year's Honour List.

Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe was also present and the guests included Sir Shou Son and Lady Chow, Sir Henry Gollan (Chief Justice), Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., Mr. Justice J. R. Wood and Mrs. Wood, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. and Mrs. T. H. King, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., and Mrs. Wodehouse, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. V. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franks, the Hon. Mr. D. W. Tratman and Mrs. Tratman, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. H. Green, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kent, Dr. W. B. A. Moore, Major C. Willson, Mr. Bishen Singh, Mr. G. R. Sayer, Mr. A. E. Wood, Dr. D. J. Valentine, Mr. W. Schofield, Dr. S. W. Tso, Dr. Samy, Dr. J. T. Smalley, Dr. G. H. Thomas, Capt. Kennedy, Mr. R. A. C. North, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. L. H. C Calthorp, Mr. W. R. Scott and Mr. F. Mow Fung.

In a few well chosen words the hosts congratulated the guest of the evening on the honour bestowed on him by His Majesty the King and also thanked the other guests for attending the party. A translation of the address, which was in Hindustani, was given by Mr. P P. J. Wodehouse, O.I.E.

Tribute To the Indian Section.

In reply the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe said that he wished first of all to thank the hosts on behalf of the guests who had been invited to attend the celebration, and on his own behalf he felt it a great compliment that his hosts should have given this party in his honour. On such an occasion it was fitting that he should say a few words about the Indian section of the Police Force commanded so ably by their two hosts. (Applause.)

"It is a curious thing," said Mr. Wolfe, "that Inspector Nawab Khan and Inspector Mohinder Singh and I myself all joined the Hong Kong Government service the same year, 1899, so that by a little rapid reckoning you will find we are all approaching 30 years Government service."

Continuing, Mr. Wolfe said that, unlike him, the two Inspectors had been on outdoor work for 29 years, and the fact that they were hale and hearty, considering the times they had been through, showed that they had borne the burden well.

Promotion For Indian Officers.

After referring to the extra work which has fallen on the shoulders of the two Inspectors with the increase in the number of the force, Mr. Wolfe said that he felt it a fitting moment to announce, although not officially, that the force had reached such large dimensions that it would not be long before they would be in a position to congratulate the two officers on a promotion to the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police to the Indian contingents, a promotion which they thoroughly deserved. (Applause.) Paying a tribute also to Mr. Sirdar Khan and Mr. Bishen Singh for their work on behalf of the Reserves, Mr. Wolfe said that they would undoubtedly be a most useful auxiliary to the Police Force in the event of trouble.

Mr. King And Catching Criminals.

Mr. Wolfe also took the opportunity of wishing Mr. and Mrs. T. H. King, who are leaving for England in about a month's time, *bon voyage* and a pleasant holiday in the Old Country. Amid laughter Mr. Wolfe said that nobody deserves a holiday better than the gentleman who catches every criminal who either enters or belongs to the Colony.

In replying, Mr. King said that Mr. Wolfe had been flattering, but any success which he had achieved was made possible by hearty co-operation he received from the Force and not the least from the Indian section. As regards catching criminals, Mr. King said that he had only had a small share and he hoped that during the next eight months they would be as successful in this line as in the past.

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ROBBERS SHOT AT SHAUKIWAN.

POLICE RAID ON JUNK PIRATES.

A few further details came to hand yesterday of the raid on a junk at Shaukiwan, the pursuit of five alleged robbers, the shooting dead of one, and the wounding and capture of another.

It appears that the junk in question, which had a cargo of pigs on board, was intercepted at Futaumun Pass by a Hoklo pirate junk, which fired upon her and compelled her to heave to.

Five men, armed with daggers and short firearms boarded the junk and imprisoned the master and the crew in the hold.

The pirates then sailed their prize to Tai Miu, Saikung district, which was reached on Thursday morning. Here several sampans came alongside and about twenty men assisted the five already on board to ransack the junk.

In the meanwhile the police had received certain information, and a party headed by Inspector Murphy (in charge of Shaukiwan Station) and Sergeant Meadows proceeded to Tai Miu. The pirates were surprised on board the captured junk, but as soon as they saw the police they made for the shore. It was then that one of the robbers was killed and another wounded and captured.

Several daggers were picked up in the hills in the vicinity.

No formal arrest had been made up to a late hour yesterday but two or three suspects have been detained for investigation.

ANOTHER PIRACY.

OVER $2,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY TAKEN.

Another police report yesterday contained details of the pirating of a trading junk which was returning to this Colony, having left Cheungsha on January 24th, at 7 a.m., with a general cargo on board.

At 6 p.m. the same day, when she was off Shamun Customs Station, in Chinese territory, another junk intercepted her, and the usual tactics were adopted. The junk was fired upon, then boarded, the master and crew imprisoned and the junk sailed to Potai-O, Saikung district, which was reached at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Here the pirates, of whom there was a large number, took ashore all the cargo, jewellery, money and other property, to the total value of $2,035.

DEATH OF MR. WU JIM PAH.

ONE OF FOUNDERS OF MODERN TIENTSIN.

TIENTSIN, Jan. 14th.

The death has occurred in Tientsin of Mr. Wu Jim Pah (Wu Mao Ting), known to all the older generation of foreign residents as one of the founders of modern Tientsin.

He was agent for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank half a century ago, and later was Compradore of the Bank. He did a good deal for the Bank in its early days in Tientsin, and in 1894 he was appointed a Director of the Tientsin-Shanhaikuan Railway. During the brief Reform period under the guidance of Kang Yu Wei, Mr. Wu was appointed one of the three Heads of the Department of Agriculture, Labour, and Commerce. Wu had to flee with the other reformers after the coup of the Empress Dowager, and took refuge in the Peking office of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

According to the "History of Tientsin," it was Mr. Wu who first suggested to the Emperor, in 1898, the organisation of Chambers of Commerce throughout the leading trade centres of China. This was one of the few modern innovations that was not swept away when the tide of reaction overwhelmed the effects of the brief Reformist period.

In 1897 Mr. Wu built the first modern industrial plant in Tientsin, a Woollen Mill, on a site at the western end of Canton Road. Modern machinery was installed and the mill turned out excellent cloth, and blankets. The mill was wrecked during the bombardment of the Concessions by the Boxers.

Before he retired from business altogether, Mr. Wu was comprador for Wm. Forbes & Co.—*P. & T. Times.*

THE AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

SHIELD COMPETITION.

SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The report made by Colonel T. J. Bostock (Senior Medical Officer, South China Command) and Major Stevenson, R.A.M.C. who acted as judges of the recent competition by the Divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade states:—

It afforded Major Stevenson and myself great pleasure to have the opportunity of seeing the progress of this important Civil Service, and to note with what keenness, enthusiasm and understanding, the good work is being carried on. We recognised we were witnessing the work in varying stages, whereas in some cases it was extremely efficient, in others the work was not so far advanced.

Much can be learnt by such competitions, and we are satisfied that Units, in the novice stages, will have benefitted by their experience. We feel we should like to congratulate the organisers, and supporters, of this very important movement, and also the Officers and Instructors, on the results of their labours.

Results Of Competition.

	Percentage.
1st Y.M.C.A.	94.15
2nd King's College	74.50
3rd Mongkok	68.95
4th Shaukiwan	68.30
5th Indian	60.25
6th Kowloon	52.80

COLLECTING RANSOM.

CHARGE AGAINST CHINESE SEAMAN.

Before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, a Chinese seaman, named Ho Tin, aged 32, of No. 50, Hollywood Road, second floor was charged on two counts of attempting to obtain money from two Chinese women by false pretences.

The first charge was that defendant on divers dates between December 29th, 1927 and January 25th, 1928, at No. 32, Hollywood Road, first floor, pretended to the complainant (So Kiu) that he had been authorised by three Chinese (relatives of the complainant), who are detained at Shanghai, to collect $4,000 to pay for the release of the three detained men.

The second charge which was similarly worded, alleges that defendant on divers dates between December 29th, 1927, and January 22nd, 1928, at No. 17, Staunton Street, second floor, attempted to obtain $4,000 from the complainant (Chan Luk) on the same pretext.

Defendant claimed that he had been authorised to raise the money.

Detective Sergeant Donovan, who prosecuted, applied for three days' remand pending the arrival of "vital witnesses" from Shanghai, who are due here to-day.

Defendant was accordingly remanded for three days in police custody.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 21st.

Plague.

1 case at Tamatave.
Suez (2 deaths).
13 cases at Aden (8 deaths).
Bassein (3 deaths).
Bombay (2 deaths).
1 case at Colombo (1 death).
2 cases at Macassar (2 deaths).
Rangoon (7 deaths).

Cholera.

Calcutta (18 deaths).
Rangoon (4 deaths).
1 case at Singapore (2 deaths).
11 cases at Bangkok (7 deaths).
1 case at Saigon.

Small-pox.

1 case at Basrah.
10 cases at Bombay (2 deaths).
14 cases at Calcutta (10 deaths).
1 case at Cochin.
9 cases at Madras (3 deaths).
Moulmein (1 death).
41 cases at Rangoon (13 deaths).
2 cases at Vizagapatam (6 deaths).
3 cases at Pondicherry (5 deaths).
1 case at Colombo (1 death).
2 cases at Belawan-Deli (1 death).
1 case at Adelaide.
2 cases at Pontianak.
Kuching (2 deaths).
Shanghai (3 deaths).

LI TSAI HSIN'S FOUR PROBLEMS.

STRUGGLE BETWEEN MERCHANTS AND TRADE UNIONS.

LI FUK LAM TO RETURN?

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Canton Government is faced with no easy task and it will need to act with vigour and discretion, if it is to survive. The four major problems with which it is now faced, may be summarised as follows:—(1) the military situation on the East River; (2) the depreciated currency; (3) unemployment following New Year dismissals; (4) "Red" Intrigue.

The military situation is still obscure and reports of the complete defeat and disintegration of the 4th Army under Chang Fat Fui are party exaggerations. There have been losses on both sides and the issue is still unsettled.

The problems cannot be dissociated and as long as there is a very real possibility of a triumphant return by the "Ironsides" the bankers and merchants will prefer to hold on to the money rather than respond to any suggestions of a loan to set on its feet a government that may at any time be put to flight either by losing a battle or by the defection of an ally in the field. The last two problems also link with the others. The merchants are determined to break the power of the trade unions. Whatever their political colour—red, pink or white—the merchants know from bitter experience that the unions are the agitator's spear head and that the city and its commerce will know no peace as long as employees are in a position to hold up business either on account of some real or imaginary grievance or at the dictates of some agitator who may be in anybody's pay. On the other hand this attack on a most powerful movement is rallying big forces against the Government. The unions are not wholly Red, and they naturally resent being attacked and there are plenty of voices urging resistance. The unemployed are, of course, the raw material of revolution and disorder. The whole thing creates a vicious circle and can only be broken by bold statesmanship which gives commerce a chance to get going and to absorb the genuine employed.

General Li Tsai Hsin is able and well meaning but suffers from the disadvantage of being a Kwangsi man and to some extent (no one can, of course, say how far) he is committed to Kwangsi party schemes and ambitions. The "Ironsides" seized on the slogan "Canton for the Cantonese", and it caught the popular fancy, even though it is now recognised that they are at present a pawn in the wide-spread schemes of Chiang Kai Shek.

In view of these uncertainties it is thought unlikely that the cargo of statecraft aboard the *President Wilson* will be discharged at Canton. It is far too early in the game to take sides.

There is talk of Lo Fuk Lam returning to Canton to re-organise his 5th Army, which is now giving some anxiety, being unable to reconcile itself to his loss. However, it is not expected that he will come back yet awhile.

Speculators in Central Bank of China notes have been very uncomfortable the last few days. On Thursday, the currency was below 35.

TWO MODERN CHINESE ARTISTS.

EXHIBITION NEXT WEEK AT CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

An exhibition of water colours and embroidery work by Mr. and Mrs. Pao Sui Yau is being opened at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, next Wednesday, and will be continued for three days.

Mr. Pao, who has been appointed to the directorship of the Municipal Art Schools of Canton and Fatshan, studied in Japan, and while influenced by that country's art he seeks inspiration mainly from the Old Masters of China.

In mentioning his experiences in Japan, Mr. Pao said that some of the master-pieces of ancient Chinese art have found their way to that country and he had seen there may examples of what one may term now China's lost art.

Mr. Pao shows two large pictures of Hong Kong.

Mr. and Mrs. Pao have travelled extensively in Japan, where their work has been exhibited in a number of Japanese cities, including Kyoto, Kobe, and others. Their pictures were in great demand, and they have sold nearly a thousand pieces there. Mr. Pao has been more than 20 years in Japan, for nine of which he was a student.

Mrs. Pao is author of a book on the West Lake at Hangchow, Chekiang, which she and her husband visited several years ago.

THE LYCEUM OF MACAO.

STUDENTS' FIRST VISIT TO COLONY.

HAPPY GATHERING AT THE LUSITANO CLUB.

The Colony of Macao may well be said to possess proportionately to its population the most "educational institutions in the East. Every corner of the street has a school, and the inhabitants, whether rich or poor, have the opportunity of giving their children a sound education.

Boy and girl students to the number of 101 from one of these institutions, the Academic Association of the Lyceum of Macao, are now on a visit to Hong Kong. This college prepares boys and girls for the universities of Portugual.

This visit was brought about by H.E. the Governor of Macao who was in the Colony in September last. In his opening speech at the Art Exhibition at Macao last Sunday His Excellency repeated that it was his ambition further to cement friendly relations among the peoples of Canton, Hong Kong and the little island of Macao.

Towards this end, Macao had invited the students of the Ling Nam College, Canton, to Macao last year, and a return visit was also made to Canton by the students of the Lyceum at the end of last year. Both parties were cordially received and this had done much to strengthen the friendship between Macao and Canton.

This is the first visit of the Portuguese students to this Colony and it is hoped that some of our local colleges will at some future date send a party of pupils over to Macao, where they will be sure of a cordial welcome.

The Arrivals.

On the arrival of the *Sui Tai* yesterday afternoon, a deputation from the three Portuguese clubs in the Colony was at the wharf to receive the students. They were then escorted to the St. Francis Hotel, where they will remain until their departure on Sunday.

To The University.

Later they also paid a visit to the Hong Kong University, and no doubt friendships were started between the pupils of these two institutions. The visitors expressed their admiration for the impressive University building and all that they saw there. One may be sure, too, that they kept their ends up and told the local 'Varsity boys, that they were not so far behind, and that in a few years, the ancient universities at Portugal would be opened to them.

At The Club Lusitano.

At 5.30 p.m. yesterday a reception was given in their honour at the Club de Lusitano. The main hall was beautifully decorated and a representative gathering of the Portuguese community was there to welcome the visitors.

In his speech, Mr. C. A. da Roza, President of the Club, said:—

"It is with the greatest pleasure that I extend to you on behalf of the Committee and members of this Club our most cordial greetings of welcome.

This is not the first occasion that this British Colony has received a group of students—we have had amongst us a floating University and we have met with pleasure among the students, members of Portuguese race—but it is the first opportunity we have had of welcoming students of the Lyceum of Macao. The two Colonies have lived side by side in bonds of friendship, and in this I do not refer to the relationship subsisting between the Portuguese residents of Macao and Hong Kong which indeed could not be otherwise, in view of the attachment we all have for Macao; I refer to the relationship between the British in Hong Kong and the Portuguese in Macao, and to the friendly official relationship of the two Governments; but you have certainly taken a forward step towards cementing this friendship by visiting us in a group representing the Lyceum which is perhaps the most important corporation in Macao.

Ladies and Gentlemen, you are an embassy of goodwill between a British Colony and a Portuguese Colony, and you have given proof of your competency in carrying out this mission by the success of your visits to your colleagues in other places in China—I am sure your success in Hong Kong will be as great.

(*Continued on next Column.*)

FRENCH PRIEST MURDERED.

TRAGEDY IN HAINAN.

DIED TO SAVE TWO CHINESE GIRLS.

News has been received here by the French Mission of the cold blooded murder of a French Roman Catholic priest attached to the French Mission at Hoihow in the island of Hainan.

The report of this outrage was contained in a letter which reached the French Mission here on Thursday evening. It stated that while one of the Mission priests, Father Gulliotte, was at Sangto, on the east of the island, on Sunday, January 15th, carrying on his mission work, an old Chinese woman came running to him and implored his assistance. The old woman told Father Gulliotte that her 20-year-old daughter and another Chinese girl, aged 18, had been outraged by three soldiers and that they were about to carry the two girls away.

Without a thought for his own safety, Father Gulliotte went to the rescue. The house where the outrage occurred was only about 70 yards away, and when Father Gulliotte got to the door, he was at once shot down by the three soldiers. Three shots were fired. One bullet struck the Father on the shoulder, one on the side and another on the head. Father Gulliotte died without uttering a word.

Although Father Gulliotte lost his life it is most gratifying to learn that it was not given in vain and the two girls were not carried away. The three soldiers, after shooting down the unfortunate Father, immediately took to their heels.

The murderers belonged to a detachment of over seventy men stationed at Sangto for the "protection" of the villagers and following the flight of these three ruffians the others also struck camp and made themselves scarce.

A report was at once made, and the authorities laid the blame on the communists. The French Consul at Hoihow and the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs are investigating the matter.

Father Gulliotte who was only 32 years of age had been in China for the last two years. During his stay in Hoihow, he had done much good work for his congregation, and was greatly admired and respected not only by the Chinese community but by the Chinese generally.

In complimenting you on the happy idea which brought about this gathering, we hope that your visit will be as instructive as it will be full of pleasure, and that your pleasure may be derived to a great extent from the Club Lusitano where you are always most welcome.

The Consul's Appreciation.

Senhor Cerveira de Albuquerque e Castro, Consul-General of Portugal, also said that he greatly appreciated the students' visit to the Consulate. He was sure that this visit would do much to further the friendship between Macao and this Colony. He was also pleased that the visitors were accorded so friendly a welcome at the University of Hong Kong. That was a sign that despite other differences, the students of the world are brothers and sisters.

Senhor Borges Delgado, rector of the Academy, also expressed his gratitude for the reception accorded to the visitors. He expressed a hope that students of Hong Kong would pay a visit to Macao when they would have the opportunity of reciprocating what they had received.

Vivas la Portugal, and to the Colony and to the visitors were lustily given by all those present.

The Concert.

The visitors gave a splendid concert at the Star Theatre last night. Portuguese folk songs and several classical and modern pieces were admirably rendered. The young artistes acquitted themselves extremely well, and the only regret expressed by the audience was that they would not have the opportunity of hearing them again.

To-day's Doings.

By courtesy of Mr. E. Cock assistant manager of the Kowloon Dock, a launch will be at the Queen's Pier this afternoon to take the visitors over the Kowloon Dock where the intricacies of shipbuilding will be explained to them.

A tennis tournament between the visitors and the Club de Recreio will also be held this afternoon. After which a tea party will be given.

CANTON EX-COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE DISCHARGED.

NO CASE OF LARCENY TO ANSWER.

TRANSFER OF MONEY A POLITICAL ACTION.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday Mr. R. E. Lindsell discharged the former Finance Commissioner of Canton, Wong Chung Chu, against whom extradition proceedings were taken on the ground that he had been guilty of the larceny of public revenue in Canton to the amount of about one million dollars.

The defence held that the fugitive had not been guilty of larceny and the transfer of money was a political act with which no British court was concerned.

The Magistrate upheld this view, saying that the opening statement for the prosecution revealed no case for the fugitive to answer.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. M.K. Lo, appeared for the defence, while Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, conducted the case for the prosecution on behalf of the Crown.

Magistrate's Decision.

In giving his decision on the points raised at the previous hearing, Mr. Lindsell said: Referring to the argument which arose yesterday in Mr. Sheldon's opening, I have the following remarks to make:—

The case obviously approximates very closely to that of Chung Shau Nam referred to yesterday by Counsel on both sides. While that case is authority for Mr. Sheldon's contention that the ownership of the moneys removed by the present fugitive may still vest in the Provincial Government of Kwangtung and that appropriation thereof by a member of a faction which had temporarily ousted that government might in certain circumstances amount to larceny, it is however abundantly clear that the decision of the Full Court affirming the Magistrate's committal of Chung Shau Nam was based on the fact that that fugitive had deliberately and wickedly converted to his own use the moneys entrusted to him.

In the present case there is no allegation whatever of any such conversion. Indeed Mr. Sheldon's opening admits that repeated attempts were made to transfer the moneys which this fugitive is charged with stealing to the coffers of another Chinese administration at Shanghai and Nanking.

In the report of Chung Shau Nam's case there are two most material passages bearing on this point. In the Chief Justice's finding (at p. 47) these words occur: "There is not therefore any evidence upon which this Court can find that the intention (*i.e.* of the fugitive) was to remit the money to Nanking for military purposes. If there had been any reliable evidence in support of it I am not prepared to say that in the state of affairs then existent in China, it may not have been regarded as a political offence within the authorities laid down in "Castione's case" and in "re Meunier."

That part of the Puisne Judge's finding on p. 57 that covers this same point is far stronger. "It is, I suppose, unquestioned that if the fugitive had applied the money, the subject matter of this charge, to subsidise the rebellion, his conduct, though probably a crime in China, would be held in our Courts a political offence and not the subject of extradition."

In view of these *dicta*, *obiter* though they may have been, I cannot see, Mr. Sheldon, what case has been revealed by your opening for this fugitive to answer.

Larceny Or Political Act?

Mr. Sheldon, at the close of Mr. Lindsell's comments, said he would like to say a few words before the case was finally closed. The case referred to by His Worship, and which contained those extracts with which he was familiar, differed in this case only to this extent. From the Chief Justice's judgment, on page 47, the words were "to remit money to Nanking for military purposes." That must, thought Mr. Sheldon, be taken for some political purpose, or some purpose allied to some military faction. In this case the money was to be remitted to Chiang Kai Shek and Mr. T. V. Soong. In his opening he indicated that these two men were holding no political office, either in the Canton or Nanking Governments. That was the only difference in the Chang Shau Nam case and this case.

Mr. Sheldon went on to deal with the political character of the case, and commented that in this instance it was not only a question of the liberty of the defendant but it was also a question of jurisdiction between China and Great Britain.

Mr. Sheldon said that he still maintained that this was a question of larceny, and added that the defence was that it was political act.

If, after consideration of all the points raised, His Worship found that in this case the crime was incidental and formed part of political disturbances, then His Worship would take whatever action he considered right.

Mr. Sheldon concluded that he did not intend to address His Worship on any other matter which had been raised.

Mr. Lindsell: I am satisfied that my view on the law and the decision I have come to is correct, and that the fugitive is entitled to be discharged, and is therefore discharged.

The Defence Denies Any Mal-Practise.

Mr. Potter submitted that the judgment had given a sound and unalterable position in law. His Worship had put his decision on a plane far narrower than he (Mr. Potter) would put it. His Worship had put it as a political offence.

Mr. Potter argued that it was not a political offence and there was no evidence that could go to a jury in support of a larceny charge. When they went through the evidence they found that everything that had been done by the defendant was done by virtue of his office as Treasurer of the Kwang Tung Province. Mr. Potter added that he put his case far higher than a political case. If the case had been gone on with they (the defence) would have proved by witnesses that defendant had acted according to the powers invested in the office he was holding.

Mr. Potter went on to draw a simile, and said that supposing a contract had been entered into in Hong Kong and that later instructions came from the "taipan" at home to the effect that the contract was not to be honoured, and giving the merchant explict instructions not to pay on any claim made on that contract. The man out here might think differently and remits the money to the people concerned. Could it be seriously suggested, asked Mr. Potter, that the merchant was guilty of larceny. He might be guilty of breach of trust, but that was a different matter and not the matter for a criminal charge of larceny.

Mr. Potter went on to submit that there was no evidence of larceny, and that therefore, apart from political grounds, the defendant was entitled to a discharge. What he had done he had done by virtue of his office, and by that alone.

Mr. Potter concluded that they would be glad if His Worship would add a short note to that effect in his decision just delivered. The whole point was whether there was criminal intent to take the money from the Kwang Tung Government and put it into his own pocket. Defendant might be civilly liable, but that was a different matter to being criminally liable.

Mr. Lindsell replied that he would add to his finding something on the lines Mr. Potter had suggested. This being that in English law the fugitive had not been guilty of larceny, according to the facts revealed in Mr. Sheldon's opening.

No Evidence Of Larceny.

Mr. Lindsell later added the following note to his first finding.

I am further satisfied that the opening of the case for the Crown reveals no evidence whatever of larceny at English Law. In Section 1 of the Larceny Act 1916 (6 and 7 Geor. V. C. 50) a clear definition of larceny or stealing is laid down—a person is deemed to steal who "without the consent of the owner, fraudulently and without any claim of right made in good faith, takes and carries away anything capable of being stolen, with intent, at the time of taking, permanently to deprive the owner thereof." It may be admitted that fugitive without consent took and carried away certain moneys belonging to the present Canton Provincial Government with intent permanently to deprive that Government thereof, but what evidence is disclosed that he did so fraudulently and without any claim of right made in good faith?

In my opinion, none. On the contrary, the evidence which the Crown proposed to call would obviously have established not only that fugitive's action was free from fraud or deceit, and that his intentions throughout were honourable, but also that what he did was based on a *bona fide* claim of right.

The fugitive is discharged.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the SOCIETY'S ROOM at the City Hall on FEBRUARY 2ND at 12.15 P.M. The Chair will be taken by MR. R. SUTHERLAND, M.B.E. [5820

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES, 1865,
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Dated the 26th day of January, 1928.
(Sgd.) HUGH A. NISBET,
Registrar, Supreme Court.
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WILL THE SOLDIER, who was hurt in the Fire at Yaumati just before Christmas come to the KOWLOON HOTEL at 6 P.M. this Evening, when Mr. SAUNDERS will make him a presentation in recognition of his services at that fire, and as a small compensation for the injuries which he received. [5824

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONG KONG AND SOUTH CHINA, E.C.

NOTICE.

ANNUAL MASONIC SERVICE.

ALL BRETHREN are invited to attend DIVINE SERVICE at ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL on SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 29TH at 6 O'CLOCK. [5813

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL MEETING of SEATHOLDERS and SUBSCRIBERS will be held in the CATHEDRAL HALL, on MONDAY, 30TH JANUARY, at 5.30 P.M.

BUSINESS—
1. Address by The Dean.
2. To receive and consider the Accounts for 1927.
3. To elect Six Lay Members for the Church Body.
4. To elect an Auditor.
5. To elect Members for the Church Council
6. To consider the recommendation of the Church Body that Pew Rents be abolished as from 1st January, 1928.
7. To transact any other Business that may arise.

(Sd.) C. BLAKER,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 20th January, 1928.

Previous to the Meeting The DEAN and MRS. SWANN will be "At Home" in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 P.M. [5815

NOTICE.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 1928, to MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, Jan. 25th, 1928. [5807

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1928. [5808

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HONG KONG, JANUARY 28TH, 1928.

MEN, CHILDREN AND DOGS.

IT appears that acute controversy has arisen over greyhound racing in England, and there is some doubt with regard to the permanence of this form of sport. When the first course to be equipped with an electric "hare" was established in London Lord LONSDALE gave greyhound racing two years of life. He is perhaps the most representative, as he is certainly one of the most popular, sportsmen in the country; and no big race meeting seems complete without him. His main point was that, unlike racing which fosters the great industry of the breeding of blood stock, greyhound racing fostered nothing of national importance. It is merely a kind of entertainment. Less than the allotted span has elapsed since then, and we find that the country is debating whether "the dogs" will survive. The meetings are immensely popular; but it must be admitted that betting goes on to an astonishing extent, and therein is the genesis of the present disputation.

Of course, as everyone knows, there are people so constituted that they object to betting under any circumstances. But they protest most strongly against betting on greyhounds. It was stated recently by a deputation that waited on the Home Secretary that children are becoming slaves to the gambling habit. Mr. J. H. THOMAS, M.P., declared that they are putting their coppers together in order to make little syndicate bets. A may be supposed this has brought into the field parents who have no scruples about backing a horse themselves. It has also stirred religious organisations into volcanic activity. Thus public opinion is being crystallised, and the Government is being forced to regard the subject on grounds of public policy. A pledge has been given to consider the whole matter, and moreover, to introduce a special Bill relating to children and young people if, as is almost certain, further investigation should confirm the reports about juvenile gambling. There are further reports that the Bill may forbid all bookmaking at greyhound races.

The future of the sport in England has obviously become a social issue of great moment. The question has a special interest for every other country where its introduction is contemplated. There are many things involved that affect the well-being of the people at large. Horse racing takes place almost every day, but no single course has more than a comparatively few days' racing in a year, whereas the greyhound tracks in England are worked three nights a week throughout a long season. This can turn an occasional relaxation into a habit, and the impulse for an occasional bet into a constant fever of speculation.

We hear that it is asserted in London, in quarters usually well informed, that an inquiry would almost certainly show that next to the promoters of the two or three big companies that are sound financially, the biggest beneficiaries from the new vogue have been the pawnbrokers. There is, too, a certain amount of evidence which suggests that the number of savings certificates that have been converted into cash is closely related to the popularity of greyhound racing. These are considerations that cannot be ignored in any serious review of the subject.

There will be a sitting of the Bankruptcy Court this morning at 10.30.

On Thursday two cases of enteric, one British and the other Portuguese were reported.

According to the vernacular press more than one hundred complaints were made to the police against the firing of fire-crackers during the New Year holidays.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society will be held at the City Hall on Thursday, February 2nd, at 12.15 p.m. Mr. R. Sutherland, M.B.E., will preside.

The Chinese who is accused of committing an armed robbery on a fishing junk and stealing $30 and some clothing on December 31st was yesterday sent for trial at the next Criminal Sessions by Mr. W. Schofield.

By a Peking Government Mandate of recent date, the Order of the Chia Ho with Precious Brilliance, Third Class, was conferred on Mr. F. W. Carey, Commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs for Lappa and District.

The formal opening of the new club-house, at King's Park, Kowloon, of the Club de Recreio is to take place on Saturday, February 4th, at 3.30 p.m. H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) will perform the opening ceremony.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Interport dinner will be held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on Monday evening, at 8.15.

A Chinese woman was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday for treatment following a dog bite. The woman was attacked when she approached the animal, a bitch with two puppies. The animals were taken to the depôt at Kennedy Town for observation.

A Chinese who was recently arrested on a charge of tendering two forged $10 notes, was yesterday morning discharged by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy, there being insufficient evidence of guilty knowledge. Mr. P. M. Hodgson appeared for the defence.

A small fire broke out at about 10.30 yesterday morning in the rear part of the first floor of a goldsmith's shop, No. 52, Bonham Strand East. The Central Fire Brigade answered the call and extinguished the fire in about half an hour. There was very little damage.

Among social functions arranged for this evening is a dance under the auspices of the Hong Kong Branch of the Royal Artillery Association, to be held at the Seamen's Institute, at eight o'clock; and a whist drive, arranged by the Royal Engineer Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess, to be held at the R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks, at 8.30.

A special booking counter has been opening for "Ben-Hur" in the lobby of the Queen's Theatre and seats can now be reserved here for the entire run. The picture begins a run of eight days on Monday. Owing to its exceptional length there will be only three performances daily, starting promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15. Cinema-goers who intend to see this famous film would be well advised to book their seats early, as there are sure to be record houses daily.

3/15TH PUNJAB REGT. ARRIVE.

BY THE S.S. "TALAMBA."

When the s.s. *Talamba* arrived here from Calcutta and Straits ports yesterday she brought a new battalion of Indian troops, namely the 3/15th Punjab Regiment.

This Regiment is commanded by Lieut.-Col. H. T. O. Ivens, and there are ten British officers, 17 Indian officers, and 883 men.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

COOLIE RUN OVER BY COAL TRUCK.

An accident causing the death of a Chinese coolie took place at 8.30 yesterday morning near the Polo ground at Causeway Bay.

A truck loaded with coal was drawn along the road when one of the pullers dropped down apparently in a fit. Before the truck could be stopped the coolie was run over and he succumbed soon after to his injuries.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 4.30 p.m., stated:—

The depression has passed into the Sea of Japan and the anti-cyclone over China has increased intensity.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; cloudy; rain later.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH CLUB REPORT.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

The financial statements record steady progress. During the year 1927 the whole of the organising expenses have been written off to Revenue, a Reserve Fund created, and the excess of income and expenditure revealed careful administration combined with the providing of the usual amenities of club membership and the fulfilling of a definite social service among the young people of the Colony.

THE REPORT.

The Joint Secretaries state, *inter alia* in their annual report for 1927:—

We began under somewhat restricted conditions when the Club was first formed in October, 1926—restricted not by lack of enthusiasm or by insufficiency of numbers, but by limited financial support.

For four months we were unable to enter into our Club House at No. 84, Bonham Road, and when we did take possession of it in February last year, we had little furniture and less equipment. But these limitations have been stepping stones rather than stumbling block. Though at the time we could only boast of a Library of 400 books, an old but serviceable piano, two ping pong tables and rooms with scanty furniture, your Executive Committee, with the assistance of various sub-Committees, have devoted much time, thought and energy in stimulating interest and forwarding the aims of the Club.

The Various Activities.

During the past year, attempts have been made in various directions to carry out the aims of the Club, intellectually by debates and lectures: physically by picnics, sport and outings: socially by whist drives, dances and sundry entertainments: spiritually by co-operating with the Mother Church of St. Peter's in organising Sunday School classes for children and Servers' Guild meetings for men.

Our fortnightly debates have attracted wide attention and evoked much thought and interest. "Should Bachelors Be Taxed," "Is Money Essential to Happiness?" and "Is Marriage a Hindrance to Success?" concern the welfare of the rising generations, and we have to thank very heartily, a large number of prominent local speakers for much time, thought and energy given to the preparation of these debates.

For some months at the beginning of the year, the Crescendo Orchestra (whose members are members of this Club) held their weekly practices in the Club House. They were dropped during the summer and have not yet been resumed this winter. The hope is expressed that these weekly practices may soon be resumed.

During the winter months, whist drives have been organised at regular intervals, and held in the Cathedral Hall being well attended. Dances, too, have been organised, and now they are being held in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant twice a month. Owing to the lack of playing fields, the recreation side of the Club is not fully developed, and the Executive Committee would be very glad to receive offers of the loan of tennis courts (private or otherwise) and playing fields which are situated near the Club premises. The lack of open fields led us to concentrate on indoor games and sports, such as billiards and ping pong, chess, draughts, etc.

Mr. Allan Cameron presented the Club with a very fine Cup for the Ping Pong Championship and this was won for the first time by Mr. F. Grose. Dr. Kotewall, Patron of the Club, is presenting a Championship Cup for Billiards and this is now being competed for.

The Humane Touch.

During the summer, weekly launch picnics were organised and invariably attracted large crowds, especially the moon light picnics. A gala picnic was held on August 1st when a swimming competition was held.

In September last, the Club, assisted by members of the Church, organised the first annual picnic for the inmates of the Blind Home, Kowloon. Members will be called upon to help again when the next picnic comes off this year.

An Ungrudged Increase.

The membership fee was increased from 50 cents to $1 a month at a meeting of members held in June last. At about the same time some 40 members of the R.A.M.C. stationed at King's College joined the Club and brought the membership up to 207. During their stay, fortnightly socials were organised to entertain them and the organist of St. Peter's and many ladies from the Church very kindly assisted. This unit left us last Christmas. Since then our membership stood at 168.

In November a garden fête was organised and proved a great success. The profit was $2,000 and the takings about $3,500. The profits were distributed as follows:—$800 to the general funds and $500 to the reserve fund of the Club; $300 to St. Peter's Church; $250 to the Club division of St. John's Ambulance; $100 to provide a Christmas Treat for the Kowloon Blind Home and $50 to the 5th Troop of Hong Kong Scouts, who are attached to the Club.

Co-operation Asked For.

During the year the Club have held a number of socials, two of them in conjunction with the Church—one to bid farewell to Miss Middleton-Smith and the other to the Vice-President of the Club and Hon. Chaplain of the Church, Rev. H. Copley Moyle. The year closed with the formation of a Club Division of the St. John's Ambulance. At present we have about 14 members but we still need a few more in order to be more efficient.

It is difficult to outline a programme for the current year. We have initiated a large number of activities and if in the course of the year, we are able to strengthen and consolidate our work, we shall have done well. The Club is but a year old and a yearling requires a great amount of care and attention. We again look to members to assist in the building of a strong and useful brotherhood. With your co-operation your Club cannot but thrive, without it, nothing can make it prosper.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Addressing the meeting, His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria (the Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy) who presided, said:—I remember just after the Great War a brilliant young man said to me what the world needed after the war was a League of Youth, so that all the idealism and energies of youth might be harnessed to the vast task of world reconstruction.

I am glad that this league of youth, this St. Peter's Young Men's Club, has been formed in Hong Kong. You have set before yourselves a big aim. Let me remind you of article 2 of your constitution:—

> The object of this Club shall be the promotion of the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social welfare of young men.

It is a worthy object you have in view and I hope you will press on towards the attainment of this object. Remember that enthusiasm and drudgery are the means by which great ends are achieved.

It has been a pleasure to act as your President during the first year of your history and I should like to congratulate you on the progress made. I have asked the Committee now to allow me to resign my position as President and from the Chair. I would like to propose that the Dean be appointed in my place.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

The following officers were elected:—President, Dean Swann; Vice-President, Mr. Pattend; Chairman, Rev. N. V. Halsall; Vice-President, Mr. Wm. Thos. Tam; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. E. Lee; Joint Secretaries, Messrs. P. Pau and G. S. Zimmern.

PITCHED BATTLE IN PROGRESS.

HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH.

NORTHERN TROOPS REPORTED TO HAVE SUFFERED SERIOUSLY.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, January 27th.

Sun Chuan Fang and Chu Yu Pu left Peking for Shantung on the 24th inst. On the following day General Chang Hsueh Liang proceeded to the front.

According to military reports from Nanking, the Southerners have engaged in heavy fighting with the Northerners, commanded by Sun Chuan Fang's subordinates, at a point north of Hsuchow. On the 19th inst. Sun Chuan Fang's troops attempted to re-attack the Southerners but were repulsed and suffered seriously.

Both sides are now engaged in a pitched battle near Hengchueng.

Hupeh Leaders In Changsha.

Hupeh leaders, including Ching Chien, Hu Tsung Tu and Sha Wei have arrived at Changsha.

THE MILITARY CONFERENCE IN PEKING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Jan. 27th.

It is generally believed that the conference of military officials are finding difficulties in connection with the Presidential question, and it has been decided to shelve it till Feng Yu Hsiang has been eliminated.

Efforts to persuade Chang Tsung Chang to accept the Inspector-Generalship of Chihli and Shantung leaving Sun Chuan Fang in control of Shantung have also evidently failed. Hence the only apparent result of the conference was its decision to attack Feng Yu Hsiang.

NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT AND THE CUSTOMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, January 27th.

Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nationalist Finance Minister, in a statement given to Reuter says:—"As the Nationalist Government controls 16 out of the 21 provinces of China, producing nearly 70 per cent of the Customs Revenue and as the authorities in control in Peking no longer represent the legal successor of former recognised government, the Nationalist Government clearly cannot recognise the right of any other authorities independently to exercise control of the Customs Administration or to appoint an agent to exercise such control."

Marshal Chiang and The Fourth Plenary Conference.

It is understood that Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has abandoned all hope of holding the Fourth Plenary Conference at Nanking.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, January 27th.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has issued a circular telegram to all Kuomintang leaders requesting them to proceed to Nanking before February 1st, which is the date fixed for the formal inauguration of the 4th Kuomintang Conference.

THE CHINA STATION.

H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND" LEAVES FOR THE EAST.

FIRST OF NEW CRUISERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 26th.

The new cruiser, H.M.S. *Cumberland* (the first of the County Class) left Sheerness to-day for the China Station.

[A Reuter cable of January 24th stated:—Commanded by Captain Wolfe Murray, H.M.S. *Kent* has been selected to relieve H.M.S. *Hawkins* as the flagship of the China Station. The *Kent* is a new 10,000 ton cruiser armed with eight 8-inch and four 4-inch guns, and has a speed of 32 knots.

The cruisers *Berwick*, *Cumberland*, *Cornwall* and *Suffolk*, sister ships of the *Kent*, are in process of fitting out and are destined for the China Station. Hence by the middle of the year the Fifth Cruiser Squadron will consist of a homogenous group of the most modern and most powerful cruisers.]

GEN. YANG SEN'S ARMY.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

ICHANG, January 26th.

It is reported that General Yang Sen is likely to withdraw his 20th Army up river, owing to trouble in Szechuen.

If such a situation arises General Yang Sen's control of Ichang will cease, and bandits will probably take advantage of this.

Communists In South Kiangsi.

SOUTH KIANGSU, January 26th.

Much trouble is being caused here by Communists.

Wuhan Armies Near Changsha.

CHANGSHA, January 26th.

The Wuhan armies are reported to be near Changsha.

STORMY WEATHER IN THE ATLANTIC.

"AQUITANIA" DAMAGED.

GIGANTIC CUNARDER TWO DAYS LATE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 27th.

Owing to a very fierce gale raging in the Atlantic the famous Cunard liner s.s. *Aquitania* arrived from Southampton two days' late, with the windows of the upper-decks, port-holes, and deck equipment damaged. The waves at one time dashed against the bridge 70 feet above the waterline.

THE SOVIET'S "GRAIN TERROR."

OFFICIAL SHOT WITHOUT TRIAL.

PEASANTS ALLEGED HOARDING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Moscow, January 27th.

The official, Leonid Novikoff, departmental chief of the Trans-Caucasian Trade Commissariat, has been shot without trial by the O.G.P.U. for "helping a group to profiteer at Tiflis and obtain illegal licences to export grain and for systematically accepting bribes."

It is noteworthy that the Soviet began in January what is known as a "grain terror" order to increase the supply of grain, which it is alleged the peasants have been hoarding since there have been numerous arrests of private traders accused of paying a higher price than that of the Trade Commisariat.

U.S. FEDERAL BANK.

RATE INCREASED AT RICHMOND.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, January 27th.

The Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond has increased its rediscount rate to 4 per cent.

Speculation In New York.

NEW YORK, January 27th.

Speculation for an advance has been vigorously resumed on the stock market partly owing to a report that Treasury officials do not anticipate an immediate increase of the bank rate in New York.

BRITISH BY-ELECTION.

CONSERVATIVE RETURNED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 26th.

The bye-election at Faversham, caused by the death of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Granville Wheeler, Conservative, resulted as follows:

Mr. Maitland (Con.)	12,997
Major Leigh Aman (Lab.)	11,313
Mr. Freeman Dunn (Lib.)	5,813
Mr. Hailwood (Ind. Con.)	1,090

The result of the last election was:

Lt.-Col. Sir Granville Wheeler (Con.)	14,432
Mr. Morgan (Lab.)	9,180
Mr. Soloman (Lib.)	7,132

Another By-Election.

RUGBY, Jan. 26th.

Sir Frederick Wise, Conservative Member of Parliament for Ilford, and a well-known authority on Finance, died last night, aged 56. His death necessitates a by-election. His majority at the last contest was 14,000 over the Labour candidate.

Miss Megan Lloyd George Approached.

RUGBY, Jan. 26th.

Miss Megan Lloyd George, daughter of the Liberal leader, is being approached by the Liberals of Anglesey to become the Liberal candidate for the County on the retirement after the present Parliament, of Sir Robert Thomas, the Liberal member.

Sir Robert Thomas had a majority of 5,827 against the Labour candidate at the last election.

NEW PRAYER BOOK.

AN APPEAL FOR PRAYERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 26th.

An earnest appeal for prayers in connection with the forthcoming session of the National Assembly of the Church of England, which will discuss the new Prayer Book, has been issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Primate urges on the whole Church the duty of remembering in both private and public prayers the need for seeking of Divine guidance at a time of special importance in the history of the Church of England.

SIR ALFRED DENT'S ESTATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 27th.

Sir Alfred Dent, whose death was recorded recently, left £61,962.

ESTATE OF EX-EMPRESS OF MEXICO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 27th.

Charlotte, ex-Empress of Mexico left property in Britain valued at £118,214. The value of her property abroad is believed to exceed £1,250,000.

AMERICA AND NICARAGUA.

SANDINO'S LAST STRONGHOLD.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MANAGUA, Jan. 27th.

The marines have destroyed Sandino's last known stronghold in Elchipote Mountain, and his forces have been broken up into small bands. Sandino's fate is unknown but it is believed that he has been wounded.

MEXICAN PRESIDENT'S TERM OF OFFICE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 27th.

The President has signed an amendment to the Constitution increasing the President's term of office from four to six years.

BRITISH POULTRY INDUSTRY.

SCHEME FOR GRADING EGGS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 26th.

At a meeting of the Council of Agriculture, Mr. Walter Guinness, Minister of Agriculture, stated that a scheme was being submitted to the poultry industry to provide for the grading of eggs, and probably also for marking them with a national mark.

It was also proposed that preserved eggs should be marked so that they could be recognised. If the scheme were adopted he undertook to bring in the necessary legislation at a very early date.

AN ANTHRAX VICTIM.

LONDON MAN SUCCUMBS.

GERMS FROM FAR EAST FURS?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

That furs coming from the Far East are the most deadly for anthrax germs was declared by the Coroner at the inquest in London yesterday on a man who died as the result of using the same shaving brush as his sons.

The sons were employed handling skins coming from the East, though they escaped the disease themselves.

LONDON, Jan. 26th.

A verdict of "Death from Misadventure" was recorded at an inquest at Southwark to-day on a man, whose sons are employed in a skin and fur factory at Bermondsey.

It was stated that the man and his sons all used the same shaving brush, and the manager of the factory said that some of the skins on which the sons had been working, were imported from Japan, China, Siberia and Persia.

The Corner remarked that these countries were the most deadly for anthrax. The witness replied that they were said to be so, but that in the course of 25 years he had never known a case of anthrax occurring through the handling of furs.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

SERVICE BETWEEN HOLLAND AND AMERICA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HAGUE, Jan. 26th.

The Central Telegraphic Administration has announced that wireless telephonic communication will be opened on January 30th between all places in the United States and Cuba and Amsterdam and Rotterdam. The service will operate between 12.30 in the afternoon and eleven o'clock at night.

The Hague charge for a three-minutes conversation will range from £16 to £18.

THE S.S. "PRAGA" AND HER MUNITIONS.

REACH TSINGTAO AFTER SENSATIONAL ADVENTURE.

CHASED BY NATIONALIST GUNBOAT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 27th.

The *Evening News* publishes a telegram from Tsingtao to the effect that the s.s. *Praga* arrived despite an attempt of the Nationalist gunboat *Feihu* to hold her up on Wednesday morning off Shantung.

The *Praga* is alleged to have ignored the *Feihu's* signals, and exchanged gunfire for three hours before out-distancing the *Feihu*.

AFTER SEVEN MONTHS.

FRENCH ROYALIST ARRESTED.

PARISIAN HOAX RECALLED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Jan. 26th.

M. Delest, a colleague of M. Leon Daudet on the Royalist newspaper, *L'Action Francaise*, who escaped from Sante Prison along with Daudet on June 25th, 1927 has been re-arrested near Mont De Marsan.

[The recapture of M. Delest after seven months of liberty recalls the clever hoax perpetrated by friends of M. Leon Daudet, as the result of which Daudet, Delest and a Communist named Semart were set free by the Prison Governor.

The practical joke was carried out by a young Royalist who telephoned the Governor of Sante Prison, and, imitating the voice of M. Sarraut, Minister of the Interior, ordered their immediate release.

M. Daudet the editor and manager of the royalist newspaper *L'Action Francaise*, was melodramatically arrested on June 13th following disorderly scenes in the newspaper building. Daudet had declined to surrender to serve a five months' sentence passed on him in November 1925 for libelling the driver of a cab in which the body of his son was found shot. He accused the police of murder and waged a strenuous campaign against them.

Twelve days later, by a trick, he was set free and Marquis de Jiugne, the Deputy, gave the following account of the incident as gathered from the staff of the *L'Action Francaise*: The Governor of the prison received a telephone message at midday that the Government had decided to release Daudet, Delest and Semart. He was intructed to liberate them with as little demonstration as possible.

The Governor of the prison telephoned the Minister of the Interior for confirmation of the instructions, but Royalists intercepted the call, and told the Governor that M. Sarraut was out, but that his private secretary was speaking.

The voice over the phone said: "Haven't you released Daudet yet? Hurry up; send out for a taxi and be quick about it."

The Governor of the prison then released the prisoners, who were utterly unaware of the reason for their liberty being granted.

The Governor of the prison was afterward suspended by the Cabinet.]

SPAIN'S TARIFF.

ADDITIONS TO THE "MOST FAVOURED NATION" CLAUSE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 26th.

The Spanish Embassy in London states that the Spanish Government has decided to grant the most favoured nation clause to the Union of South Africa, New Zealand and Western Samoa for goods manufactured in those countries, provided that the same policy is adopted in respect of Spain.

CONTEMPORARY BRITISH ART.

FIRST OF A SERIES OF EXHIBITIONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 26th.

The first of a series of exhibitions of contemporary British art in foreign capitals is to be opened by June in Buenos Aires. The exhibition will be held under the patronage of the British Government and will be opened by Sir Malcolm Robertson, British Ambassador.

U.S.A.'S PLANE EQUIPMENT.

REQUEST FOR 739 MORE AEROPLANES.

PART OF CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, January 27th.

Rear-Admiral Moffet, chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, has asked the House Naval Committee to provide 739 aeroplanes in the new naval construction programme in addition to the 1,000 aeroplanes already provided thereunder.

BRITISH TRADE BOOM IN 1927.

OFFICIAL FIGURES.

HUNDRED MILLION STERLING IMPROVEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The remarkable economic recovery of Great Britain during 1927, commented on at length by famous British bankers elsewhere in this issue, is given eloquent testimony by the official overseas trade figures, cabled by Reuter, issued by the British Board of Trade.

Against a deficit of £7,000,000 in 1926, the credit balance for 1927 is £96,000,000.

Further Details.

LONDON, Jan. 26th.

The official Board of Trade estimate for 1927 places Great Britain's credit balance on overseas trade for the year at £96,000,000, which is £103,000,000 better than in 1926, and £42,000,000 above the figures recorded in 1925.

Sir Cunliffe Lister, speaking at Hendon to-day declared that the foregoing figures were based upon a conservative estimate of Britain's "invisible exuports" at £488,000,000.

These figures, he stated, was made up as follows: Shipping, £140,000,000; income from overseas investments, £270,000,000; receipts from short interest and commission, £63,000,000; and other sources, £15,000,000.

Sir Cunliffe Lister added that the figures were noteworthy in view of the fact that the balance in 1926 represented a deficit of £7,000,000.

BANKERS' VIEWS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 26th.

The Chairman of two of the big London banks spoke to-day in optimistic terms of British trade prospects.

Mr. Hugh Tennant, presiding at the annual meeting of the Westminster Bank, said that: "In view of those best qualified to judge the total volume of the country's economic activity is greater to-day than in any year since the post-war slump, and it is probably greater also than in the active pre-war year 1919."

The recovery from the setback of 1926 had been sufficiently quick and sustained to be in itself a testimony to the economic stamina of the country.

Mr. Tennant said there was a consensus of opinion among economists that as a nation we are spending more than we did before the Great War. The masses of the people are better clothed and better fed. The motor-car a few years back was a luxury of the rich, while to-day garage accommodation is one of the first preoccupations of architects of even humble houses. In so far as this freer spending has represented a higher standard of living, better health, increased efficiency and happiness, it was entirely welcome. Moreover, in a period of rapid changes, such as this country had been passing through, a number of goods had passed out of the category of undoubted luxuries into, or very nearly into the class of commodities regarded as necessities. Two factors which facilitated this change were scientific invention and mass production. The former had brought silkwear within the reach of almost every purse, while by the latter method the motor-car had become cheaper and cheaper and, therefore, progressively available to wider and wider sections of the population.

Mr. Tennant added that the artificial silk industry, despite great extensions of mills and machinery, still found that the demand ran far ahead of the supply.

Another Review.

Sir Harry Goschen, presiding at the annual meeting of the National Provincial Bank, said: "We see theatres cinemas and other places of amusement crowded with every evidence of prosperity. The retail establishments never appeared to be more attractive nor better supported by their customers. Indeed, it may be justly claimed that the general standard of living seems to be higher, and implies an increased expenditure, consequent, we may assume, on increased earnings. During the year 1927 millions of fresh capital has been subscribed by the public for industrial and other purposes, of which £55,000,000 has been on account of loans to foreign countries, which is some indication of the country's savings. There is, I believe, evidence that the tide has at last turned, and is moving slowly towards better times.

GENERAL SIR JOHN DUNCAN'S FAREWELL.

G.O.C. AND BRITISH FORCES PRAISED.

SIR JOHN'S TRIBUTE TO SHANGHAI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, January 26th.

Eloquent testimony of the appreciation in Shanghai of the presence of British Forces was afforded here to-night when Major-General Sir John Duncan, shortly leaving for Home, was the guest of honour at a farewell dinner given by the International Community. Twenty nationalities were prominently represented.

Mr. Stirling Fessenden, the Chairman of the Municipality (who is an American) declared that Sir John Duncan and the British Forces had won the praise, gratitude and admiration of all nationalities in Shanghai.

Sir John, replying, said that what had struck him most about Shanghai was its hospitality and enterprise. He thanked them, especially the women, for their hospitality to the troops especially during the hot weather.

Unique Shanghai.

Continuing, General Duncan said that this great International Settlement, was unique in the world. It was created by foreigners under conditions which could not be parallelled elsewhere, and was really a wonderful example of enterprise.

Referring to the work of the British Forces in Shanghai, Sir John Duncan said that he had tried to introduce the Locarno spirit into the problems which had faced him, especially *vis-a-vis* the Chinese, from whom he had received courtesy, friendliness and consideration.

The Spirit Of Co-operation.

General Duncan dwelt on the spirit of co-operation which had characterised the relations between the Forces of seven nationalities, which had been landed at Shanghai. Not only had there been no friction, but they had had no differences, which was a remarkable and pleasant fact.

Referring to the situation in Shanghai to-day, Sir John said that it was greatly improved compared with a year ago, when it was impossible for foreigners to go into the surrounding districts safely. To-day that was all changed. He also remarked that the tense feeling which then existed had now disappeared, especially since the zone of the civil war had moved towards the North.

However, he said, in conclusion, the presence of the Defence Forces alone, had assured peace and safety in Shanghai during the danger period last year. (Loud cheers.)

HARMONY IN THE BALKAN STATES.

STEPS TOWARDS HOPEFUL READJUSTMENT.

PROTOCOL SIGNED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BELGRADE, Jan. 26th.

The signature of the Protocol prolonging provisionally the Italo-Yugo-Slavian Treaty of friendship and cordial collaboration, constitutes, according to the *Politika*, the first step towards complete readjustment in the relations between Italy and Yugo-Slavia.

The provisional arrangement has furnished the basis of the discussions now proceeding for the settlement of all outstanding difficulties.

It has been suggested that the Treaty should simply be prolonged for three years, but the Yugo-Slavian Government has urged that at least the more important questions should be adjusted before the Treaty is definitely renewed.

Rumania And Italy.

LONDON, Jan. 26th.

While Italy and Yugo-Slavia are settling their difficulties, M. Titulesco, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, is visiting Rome and has had a lengthy conference with Signor Mussolini.

Afterwards, M. Titulesco declared that the policy of loyal and active collaboration between Italy and Rumania did not conflict with the interests of the "Little Entente," as both aimed at the preservation of peace.

He expressed himself as quite certain that the present difficulties could be overcome in view of the common interests of all civilised nations.

KING EDWARD HOSPITAL FUND.

ANOTHER LARGE ANONYMOUS GIFT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 26th.

An anonymous donor has given £10,000 to the King Edward Hospital Fund for London. In the last five years the fund has received over £80,000 in anonymous gifts.

THE LANCASHIRE COTTON INDUSTRY.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE CRISIS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, January 27th.

The Cotton Yarn Association is attempting to end the "unrestrained competition" in the American Cotton section of the spinning trade. The President of the Association states that the production at present is 70 per cent. of the capacity but with the cotton basis up raw materials are falling and margins are back at almost the lowest point touch in December.

The Directors of the Association have circularised non-members, and are proposing a scheme for co-operation without membership of non-members to be known as "associates." They will join as full members for six months at the end of which they may resign or become permanent members. No price regulations nor grading of yarns shall be instituted during the six months. Associates are to supply returns including weekly productions and daily sales records. Associates are also to appoint a committee to co-operate with directors who will advise the Board on the curtailment of production.

The whole scheme depends on obtaining a majority of 75 per cent. of non-members by January 31st.

Coincident with the above, Mr. Gerard Dewhurst, Chairman of the Williams and Deacons Bank, expressed the view at the annual meeting that financial reorganisation of the cotton industry must be undertaken by drastic writing down of unproductive capital, the cutting out of dead assets, and the closing down of the weakest mills. The co-operation of the banks in this will be forthcoming but the banks are incompetent to initiate or enforce re-organisation.

AMERICAN "SHAKESPEARIANS."

MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 26th.

H.M. the King has sent, through Sir Austen Chamberlain, the following message to the American Shakespeare Foundation:—

"H.M. the King commands me to express to you his sincerest thanks for your telegram conveying the greetings of the American Shakespeare Foundation, and to assure you of the deep interest with which His Majesty has learned of their participation with the British Shakespeare committee in the rebuilding and endowment of the Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon.

As a patron of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, His Majesty welcomes the co-operation of the American Foundation, and cordially appreciates the assistance which American actors and actresses are giving at benefit performances at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York. He trusts this may have results entirely gratifying to the cause which two organisations have at heart.

WIRELESS AND CABLE CONFERENCE.

POSITION OF EASTERN TELEGRAPH CO. DISCUSSED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 26th.

At the fourth meeting of the Imperial Wireless and Cable Conference, Sir John Denison Pender, Mr. J. C. Denison Pender and Vice-Admiral Grant gave information regarding the position of the Eastern Telegraph Company and its associated companies.

EARTHQUAKE IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

VILLAGERS FLEEING FROM LAKE NICARAGUA.

DAMAGE IN MEXICO.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, Jan 26th.

A severe earthquake was felt this morning over a wide area in the State of Oaxaca, and spreading into Nicaragua.

Several towns are reported to have been damaged by the shocks, while from Managua it is reported that villagers at the foot of the Ometepe volcano, on the island in Lake Nicaragua, are fleeing to the mainland in panic, owing to the eruption of the volcano.

The roar of the eruption is audible for many miles, fine ash is falling in spots ten miles away, and the sun in the district is hidden by the smoke.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Shevelutch Also Active.

MOSCOW, Jan. 26th.

The Shevelutch volcano, on the east coast of Kamchatka, hitherto regarded as extinct, has suddenly become intensely active.

'Four Sandy Macs please'

'Scotch?' echoed the Clever One in the Bar, 'surely you know you should say 'Scottish'.'

'You try asking for 'A Scottish and Soda' and see what happens!' said the Plain One.

'You're both wrong' volunteered the Third One 'you should say 'Scots'.'

'It's all the same anyway' said the Plain One.

'Precisely' murmured the Old One, 'which is why you're all wrong—you should ask for Four Sandy Macs, please.'

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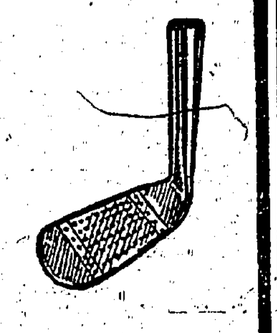

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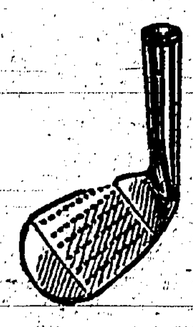

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HONG KONG'S SURPRISE WIN OVER SHANGHAI.

BIG MARGINS IN TWO GAMES.

A THRILLING MATCH.

[By R.H.H.]

Few but the greatest optimists expected Hong Kong to win more than one of the three foursomes against Shanghai yesterday, but in spite of expectations Hong Kong are leading by 2 to 1.

Two of the matches finished a long way from home. Budd and Blinko were all over our leading pair, who had an off-day, but Andrewes and Murray beat their bottom pair almost as badly.

The middle match was a ding dong struggle all the way, with never more than 3 holes in it, and the eventual winners were down most of the time. Fine golf was played in this match.

H.E. the Governor was entertained to tiffin at the Club House, and the three teams were introduced to him.

Re-arrangements.

There were some re-arrangements in the order of the Hong Kong team, which played Shanghai yesterday in foursomes. Andrewes, who had played with Pendered in the top fourball against Manila, and Dodwell, who partnered Murray the previous day, changed places, so that the matches were:—

Pendered and Dodwell *v.* Budd and Blinko.
Erskine and Bloxham *v.* Malcolm and Pilcher.
Andrewes and Murray *v.* Cumming and Pettitt.

The wind had dropped entirely and it was the sticky, juggy sort of morning when it needs a definite mental effort to hit the ball at all. Players were soon praying for a little bit of the wind of the day before, even if it did make the game difficult.

The Top Match.

Budd struck the first drive of the day about 9.15 and I set out with this match, hoping to be impressed by Blinko's great length and Budd's accuracy. As a matter of fact, the impressive part of the game was Blinko's putting, while his long game was very erratic. He found all sorts of little corners which can hardly have been visited since the course was laid out. Budd had to do his best, not always very successfully, but the home pair were exploring too and their work round the greens was worse than Shanghai's. A four was good enough to win any hole but a short one and Shanghai got nearly all the fours that were going. In consequence, they were 4 up at the 9th, they had added another by the 12th and came into tiffin in the almost impregnable position of 9 up.

Level Going.

Things were pretty level in the second match up to the turn, where Malcolm and Pilcher stood 1 up. At the 10th, however, Pilcher put down a fine putt for a win, and then Malcolm hit a beautiful iron shot right into the middle of the eleventh green and Hong Kong were 3 down. They looked like winning the gem when Malcolm was short with his tee shot, but a fine pitch by Pilcher and a stout putt made a half.

Brilliant Recoveries.

I picked this match up again at the 14th tee, just in time to see a series of brilliant recoveries by Erskine. At this hole Bloxham cut his drive badly, but Erskine put the ball near the hole from down by the ditch and a half left Hong Kong still 3 down. There was a chance to get one back when Malcolm topped his second at the Armchair, but Bloxham hit at his brassy shot and hooked it into really bad stuff over the ditch. Erskine was very well out past the hole, and Shanghai took 3 putts and simply gave back the hole. The Braeside was halved in 4, and the 17th went to Shanghai. Here Bloxham had put his second behind the hill from a cut drive by Erskine. Erskine took an iron and put the ball clean over the hill on to the green, a brilliant shot. Unfortunately 3 putts lost the hole for the home team. However, they won the last and came into tiffin only 2 down.

Hong Kong Lead.

The third match opened very steadily on both sides, and on the 7th tee Hong Kong were 1 up in the right figures, and then took the 11th in 4 after a fine brassey shot by Murray. They looked like being 6 up at the gem, where Pettitt was short with his tee shot. Andrewes had a little putt for a win, but he was half stymied and holed the wrong ball.

However, Hong Kong was back to 5 up at the next, where Andrewes put a fine third by the pin, after early trouble, and after halving Sandy's Pulpit, Cumming played a brilliant recovery from the ditch to halve the Armchair. Again thanks to Cumming's recovery the 16th was won in 3, but Hong Kong was back to 5 up at the 17th. The home pair were on the 18th in 2, and the visitors over in 3, but Pettitt holed his putt for a 5 and then Andrewes and Murray, with 2 for the hole, went and took four of the most pathetic putts I have seen for a long time, and so what might so easily have been 6 up became actually 4 up.

H.E. The Governor At Tiffin.

H.E. the Governor was the guest of the Club at tiffin, at which the President, Mr. Hallifax, was also present, and all three teams were presented to His Excellency.

Afternoon Rounds.

There was some seesaw golf in the top match on the resumption. Shanghai won the first after very long drives by Budd and Pendered, but the 3rd and 5th went to Hong Kong, leaving them 8 down. 4, 3 by Shanghai was good enough to win both of the next holes, and two sound halves gave Shanghai the victory by the big margin of 10 and 9.

In the third match there was an almost equally big win the other way, Andrewes and Murray beating Cumming and Pettitt by 9 and 7. This match does not really deserve to be dismissed too shortly, for the play of the winners was extremely steady. They were out in 38 and had gained four holes by the 8th.

Fine Golf.

However, I saw little of that match, for by the time I had seen the burial of the top pair by Budd and Blinko, whose golf is always worth seeing whether or no the figures are good, the second match was in such an interesting state that I could not leave it.

At tiffin time Erskine and Bloxham were 1 down to Malcolm and Pilcher, who were playing extremely steadily. At the first in the afternoon the home pair began inauspiciously by losing the hole. However, they got this back at the second, halved the 3rd in 3, and then did a string of 4's up to the 10th. The 4th, 5th and 6th were all won, but Shanghai got a 3 at the Bog to square the game, and the next was halved. At the 9th Erskine hit a long drive right down the middle and Bloxham put a magnificent second on the edge of the green. The Saddle too was their's all the way, and they also got the next. By the way, Pettitt, playing behind this match, hit a magnificent iron shot on the 10th which very nearly went into the tin, and kept the bottom match alive for another hole.

A Ding Dong Fight.

The second match was magnificent at this point; a missed shot meant a lost hole every time. At the gem Bloxham did not quite get hold of his tee shot and was on the edge short of the green, but Malcolm was right in the middle with a fine shot and Hong Kong were back to 2 up. Both cut their drives under the hill at the Horizon, but Bloxham was in the rough on the bank at the left of the green with his second, and Erskine lipped the hole with a magnificent chip. Shanghai were over in 3, so the home side were 3 up again. At Sandy's Pulpit Malcolm hit a low, running tee shot which climbed the hill in front of the green and stayed well on, but Pilcher was very short with his approach putt, and Hong Kong got a half, to stand 3 up with 4 to go.

A Fighting Finish.

Malcolm was on the green with a long iron shot for his second at the Armchair, but Bloxham cut his spoon shot into very heavy stuff, and Erskine could only force it out. Hong Kong 2 up and 3 to go. Malcolm took a brassey, and I think underclubbed himself, at the Braeside. Anyhow his shot fell short and got a nasty kick down hill. Bloxham took the left hand line round the hill and was well on with his drive. Finally, Bloxham was left with a seven foot putt for a 3 and the match, and a putt over wobbly ground too. He took his time over it and holed it nobly, to give Hong Kong a further lead on the foursomes.

Results.

T. D. E. Pendered and L. G. S. Dodwell lost to M. W. Budd and A. R. Blinko, 10 and 9.

Capt. F. D. Erskine and Capt. H. F. Bloxham beat H. R. Malcolm and J. F. Pilcher, 3 and 2.

L. R. Andrewes and G. Murray beat K. M. Cumming and A. V. Pettitt, 9 and 7.

The points up to date are:—Hong Kong (two matches) 8 points. Shanghai (one match) 2 points. Manila (one match) 2 points.

To-day Matches.

Owing to sailings, both matches between Shanghai and Manila have to take place in one day. As a result, this morning the two teams will play fourball foursomes over 18 holes, while in the afternoon 18 hole singles will be played.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S GAMES.

COMPETING SIDES AND PROSPECTS.

The following games in the Hong Kong League are down for decision to-day:—

Division I.

Kick-off at 4 p.m.

Hong Kong Club *v.* R.A.F., Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: Capt. Austin, M.C., M.M.

South China *v.* K.O.S.B.'s, South China ground. Referee: S.-Sgt. Gilbert.

R.A. *v.* Queen's Regt., Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Barber, R.N.

Division II. "A."

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

K.O.S.B.'s Res. *v.* R.A. Res., Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Lonsdale.

South China "A" *v.* Kowloon Res., Chatham Road ground. Referee: B.Q.M.S. Hutchins.

Club de Recreio Res. *v.* South China "B," South China ground. Referee: Mr. Willis.

Hong Kong F.C. Res. *v.* St. Joseph's, Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: S.-Sgt. Gilmour.

China Athletic Res. *v.* University, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Phillips.

Division II. "B."

Kick-off at 4 p.m.

St. Joseph's Res. *v.* Kowloon "B," St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Samy.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

South China "B" *v.* Boy Scouts, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee Mr. Stokes.

Kung Woo *v.* China Athletic, King's Park ground. Referee: Mr. Cowan.

Club Secretaries are requested to note the change of ground in the following games:—

Division II, "A":—South China "A" *v.* Kowloon Reserves.

Division II. "B":—South China "B" *v.* Boy Scouts.

Only Three Senior Division Games.

The Senior Division is reduced to three games only to-day. On the Hong Kong F.C. ground, the Club meet the R.A.F. in their return game. The first meeting ended in a win for the R.A.F. by two goals to *nil*, but the Club are confident they can wipe out this defeat at home. The match should be evenly contested and the home team will have to go all out if they wish to take the points.

In the absence of the China Athletic from the League to-day, the crowd will witness the game on the South China ground between the K.O.S.B.'s and the local team. This game should be very even and at the present time South China is playing a hard game. A draw of one goal all was the result of the first league game this season.

At Sookunpoo, the Gunners are at home to the Queen's and a battle Royal is expected. The R.A. went down to the Queen's earlier in the season by a goal in a very strenuous game. The R.A. expect to reverse the result of the former meeting but a divisionof points would be a fitting result on present form.

The Juniors.

In the Junior "A" division, the K.O.S.B.'s meet the R.A. Res. at Sookunpoo. The Gunners are not expected to improve on the result of the last meeting between these

(*Continued on next Column.*)

SUNDAY'S STARTING TIMES AT FANLING.

9.24	a.m.	T. Low and S. T. Butlin.
9.28	,,	W. Ironside and J. D. H. Crawford.
9.32	,,	A. Nicol and N. K. Littlejohn.
9.36	,,	H. G. Hegarty and T. G. Weall.
9.40	,,	W. K. Tait and K. A. Mason.
9.44	,,	J. Coulthart and J. Cameron.
9.48	,,	A. Sommerfelt and H. R. Forsyth.
9.52	,,	B. D. Evans and S. Abraham.
9.56	,,	A. D. Humphreys and A. O. Brawn.
10.00	,,	A. Leach and A. B. Purves.
10.04	,,	A. E. Lissaman and D. Forbes.
10.08	,,	J. P. Sherry and C. Mycock.
10.12	,,	E. R. Hallifax and E. D. Matthews.
10.16	,,	W. A. Butterfield and J. W. Alabaster.
10.20	,,	H. R. Sturt and J. Bentley.
10.24	,,	W. L. Dunbar and F. A. Redmond.
10.28	,,	S. A. Arthur and H. Spicer.
10.42	,,	E. Stone and G. E. Costello.
10.36	,,	T. Ramsay and F. Taylor.
10.40	,,	A. R. Cox and D. M. Goodall.
10.44	,,	W. L. Alexander and J. Harrop.
10.48	,,	A. E. Ellams and C. B. Brown.
10.52	,,	R. M. Finlayson and W. D. Brown.
10.56	,,	E. P. Fletcher and W. C. Barber.

WEEK-END SPORT.

FOOTBALL, CRICKET, TENNIS, GOLF, ETC.

A BIG PROGRAMME.

There is a varied and pretty big programme of sport over this week-end.

There is the usual programme of League football with three matches in the first division, five in division II. "A" and three in division II. "B." The Club will be at home, at the Valley ground, to the Air Force and should win. Another good game should result from the encounter between South China "A" and the King's Own Scottish Borderers, who are playing on the former club's ground.

There is a good programme of cricket, including League matches and friendlies. For to-morrow (Sunday) there are also several friendly game.

At Fanling throughout the week-end the interport golf matches continue and the Fanling Hunt will also be out to-day for a drag-hunt. They meet at Mr. Potts' bungalow, at 2.45 p.m. To-morrow there is a K.O.S.B. gymkhana at Kwanti.

An American Lawn Tennis Tournament is being held at the Ladies' Recreation Club and there are some tennis matches at the Club de Recreio.

Further details will be found under separate headings.

YACHTING.

THE PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

There will be yachting both to-day and to-morrow (Sunday) under the auspices of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

To-day is reserved for a re-sail, or other race for the racing classes.

To-morrow, according to the programme, the Cruisers are down to sail their 4th Championship race, the course being:—Datum Rock (S), Mark in Discovery Bay (S), Mark on Club Line (P), Channel Rocks (S). Distance: 22.3 miles.

There is no ladies' race on Monday.

HOCKEY.

H.K.H.C. II. *v.* H.K.S.R.A. II.

This game takes place on the Club ground at King's Park on Tuesday, January 31st, at 5 p.m. sharp.

H.K.H.C.:—F. S. Nicholls, L. A. R. Duncan (capt.), L. F. Nicholson, W. R. Greenhalgh, Rev. J. P. Murray, Rev. N. Evans, R. R. Tod, A. C. Howell, R. K. Valentine, Capt. E. Jacobs-Larkcom, W. A. Nowers.

teams, when the K.O.S.B.'s won by four clear goals.

South China "A" meet Kowloon Reserves on the Chatham Road ground and as this will be the only game at Kowloon at 2.30 p.m. it will be watched by a good following. Kowloon should win.

South China "B" should win against the Club de Recreio at home.

On the Hong Kong F.C. ground, the Reserves are at home to St. Joseph's. The College team is in a favourable position for runners-up and a win to-day should make that position secure.

China Athletic meet the University on St. Joseph's ground and a keenly contested game is expected to end in favour of the Athletic.

In Division II. "B," St. Joseph's Reserves, China Athletic and South China "B" should take full points from Kowloon "B." Kung Woo and Boy Scouts respectively.

United Services Results.

H.M.S. *Marazion*, 4; R.A.M.C., 3 (after extra time).

H.M.S. *Iroquois*, 3; R.A.F., 0.

KOWLOON F.C. *v.* POLICE.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 1st XI. in a friendly game with Police to-day on Kowloon ground. Kick-off at 4 p.m.:—Slipper; Wheeler and Dodshon; May, Hedley and Tiernan; Miles, Northey, Kernick, McKelvie and Muir. Reserves: Vickars and Pile.

KOWLOON 2nd VI. *v.* SOUTH CHINA "A."

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI. in a league game with South China "A" to-day at Chatham Road. Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.:—Wood; Guest and Pasco; Roberts, Bliss and Blacklock; Reed, Dunnett, Spary, Coates and Eastman. Reserves: Nichols and Hast.

SCOTLAND *v.* H.M.S. "TITANIA."

The following have been selected to represent Scotland *v.* H.M.S. *Titania* in a practice game on the Hong Kong F.C. ground to-morrow. Kick-off at 3.45 p.m. sharp:—Rodger, Hirst, Johnstone, Aird, Stewart, Carswell, Campbell, Orme, McKelvie, McGlinchey and Craig. Reserve: W. L. Alexander.

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K.O.S.B. GYMKHANA.

TO-MORROW'S ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME.

[BY RAPIER.]

The Gymkhana arrranged by that fine sporting regiment The K.O.S.B.'s at Kwanti to-morrow (Sunday) commences at 2.45 p.m. There is a special train leaving Kowloon at 1.15 and the usual transport facilities to and from the Course will be available.

The programme is an attractive one, consisting of nine events. The first is a team race of four from each Company, bareback on mules and there are six teams entered. No. two is the Subaltern's Cup and I expect Mr. Shillington to annex this. There are 12 entries for hitting the polo ball and Mr. Welch should prove the winner. The fourth race is for China ponies and *Caviare*, *James Pigg* and *Sunning* should fill the places. The fifth event is a bending race for ladies and there are 17 entrants divided into three heats. This is a record for Hong Kong! No. six is to my mind the *pièce de résistance*. It is the mule Derby. There are 30 entries and, as very little is known about the merits of either animals or riders, the "pari" offers an opportunity for a zeal gamble. No. seven is for ponies, the property of Officers of the regiment (Owner ridden), and I expect Colonel Comyn will start as favourite. The last event is The Foxhunters Cup for China ponies with owner up, and Pollock will carry my money.

It is a heavy and an ambitious programme, and there will not be much time to spare in running off the different events. Competitors should make themselves fully conversant with the conditions of the races in which they are participating and thus avoid that amahless and boyless feeling that gives rise to unnecessary questions and causes irascibility in official circles.

There will be a $5 and a $1 cash sweep. The charge for admission to the public is only $1 and motor cars may be parked free.

All profits, after payment of expenses, will go to the Fanling hounds and "P.G." (the first letter stands for a French word meaning "Father") is looking forward to a generous contribution to his coffers and is taking his usual big part behind the scenes in the organisation of the show.

The entries for the two events in which ladies are taking part are as follows:—

Ladies Bending Race.

HEAT 1:—Mrs. Greiz, Mrs. Miles, Miss Tyrwhitt, Miss Reid, Mrs. Sandeman and Miss MacLaren.

HEAT 2:—Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Wolfe Murray, Mrs. Le Gros, Mrs. McNair, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Hartford.

HEAT 3:—Mrs. Paterson, Mrs. Chubb, Mrs. Scovil, Miss Mahoney and Mrs. Sheldon.

Musical Chairs.

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CRICKET.

WEEK-END FIXTURES.

The following is the list of matches for the week-end:—

TO-DAY.

League: Division I.

Civil Service C.C. *v.* Indian R.C. "A."
Royal Navy *v.* Kowloon C.C.

Division II.

Kowloon C.C. *v.* R.A.O.C.
Police R.C. *v.* H.M.S. *Tamar*.

Friendly.

University 2nd *v.* Civil Service C.C. 2nd.
Hong Kong C.C. 2nd *v.* Royal Navy 2nd.

TO-MORROW.

University 2nd *v.* Recreio 2nd.
Chinese R.C. *v.* Volunteers.
Indian R.C. : Inter-members match

VOLUNTEERS *v.* CHINESE R.C.

This game takes place to-morrow at 2 p.m.

Volunteers:—J. H. Ashworth, H. Ruxton, C. T. Evans, E. C. Fincher, J. E. Hancock, J. C. Lyal, G. D. Mead, O. Moos, H. V. Parker, A. Reid and E. Zimmern.

UNIVERSITY 2nd XI. *v.* CIVIL SERVICE 2nd XI.

The following will represent the University 2nd XI. in a friendly match against the Civil Service 2nd XI. to-day at 2 p.m. on the Home ground:—A. Baker (capt.), W. M. Gittins, Dr. M. B. Osman, B. N. Sudan, A. B. Sulieman, K. T. Loke, S. B. Kermani, A. Chan Fook, S. F. Chen, A. T. Lee, H. T. Barma.

UNIVERSITY "B" *v.* CLUB DE RECREIO "B."

The following will represent the University "B" team in a friendly match against the Club de Recreio "B" team to-morrow at 2 p.m. on the Home ground:—A. Baker (capt.), A. B. Sulieman, A. A. Aziz, S. F. Cren, B. H. Schroter, N. P. Karanjia, F. Hosheim, A. Rodrigues, H. T. Barma, A. N. Other.

LAWN TENNIS.

U.S.R.C. TOURNAMENT.

"AT HOME" NEXT SATURDAY.

Good progress was made last week with the Annual Tournament of the United Services Recreation Club. Many events have reached the final stages, and the remaining semi-finals are to be played off early next week. Next Saturday, February 4th, has been fixed for the Annual "At Home" when some of the finals take place. The "At Home" is being held particularly early this time, as in previous years it has been held early in March. The Tennis Sub-Committee is to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which the Tournament has been run. With eight events on the card, the Tournament is being got through within a month.

The Semi-Finals of the championship events should have been completed yesterday, but only the Mixed Doubles and the Men's Doubles were decided. In the former Dr. and Mrs. Tottenham beat Mrs. Caswell and Captain Graham, while Major Lucas and Mrs. E. Grimble defeated Lady Stuart Taylor and A. B. Raworth. The final should result in an excellent match. All four are capable exponents and above all they are experienced in tournament play. The Tottenhams have the advantage in combination.

In the Men's Doubles Major Stevenson beat Captain Graham and Captain Tyringham in one semi-final while Surg. Lt.-Comdr. North and Pay-Lieut. Waters beat the Rev. G. K. Hewitt and Captain Whitworth in the other.

The finals will be decided next week, the more interesting events being reserved for Saturday. The advertisement columns in this issue give further particulars of the "At Home," while the Dance arranged for Friday, February 3rd has been cancelled.

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CHINA HOMEWARD CONFERENCE.

FREIGHT TARIFF No. 9.
DATED 7TH MARCH, 1927.

ADDENDUM No. 23.

CORRECTION:

ADDENDUM No. 21.—Should read:—
Ancona... add to Col. 2
Bari ... „ „ „ 1

ADDITION.

PART 1.

The following Clause is to be added on Page 24 of the Tariff:

CARGO FOR MANCHESTER
"Manchester Ship Canal tolls payable by Consignees."

Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1928. [5819

CHINA HOMEWARD CONFERENCE.

FREIGHT TARIFF No. 9.
DATED 7TH MARCH, 1927.

ADDENDUM No. 24.

PART 2.

THE RATE of FREIGHT for SEAGRASS is Amended from Date to the following:—

	Col. 1	Col. 2
Seagrass or Straw, Twisted packages 40 c. ft. ...	50/-	55/-

Hong Kong, 27th Jan., 1928. [5822

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.

FROM MIDDLESBRO', ANTWERP, LONDON, STRAITS AND PHILIPPINES.

The Steamship "BENLEDI."

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves, Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd Feb., 1928, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 17th Feb., 1928, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd Feb., 1928, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 27th Jan., 1928. [5821

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"ELLERMAN" LINE.

FROM EUROPE.

THE Steamship "CITY OF MADRAS" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 1st February, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 8th February, 1925, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
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General Agents.
Hong Kong, 26th Jan., 1928. [5816

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SPHINX ...	15th Feb.
PORTHOS ...	29th Feb.
PAUL LECAT ...	14th Mar.

From Dunkirk, Antwerp, London

YANG TSE	(Cargo)...	31st Jan.
YALOU	(Cargo)...	25th Feb.

For Shanghai, Japan and North China

YANG TSE	(Cargo)...	31st Jan.
YALOU	(Cargo)...	25th Feb.

For Shanghai and Japan

G. METZINGER ...	1st Feb.
SPHINX ...	15th Feb.
PORTHOS ...	29th Feb.
PAUL LECAT ...	14th Mar.

For Marseilles

ANGERS ...	31st Jan.
D'ARTAGNAN ...	14th Feb.
G. METZINGER ...	28th Feb.
SPHINX ...	13th Mar.
PORTHOS ...	27th Mar.

For Rotterdam, Hamburg, Dunkirk

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AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Steamer "TROILUS" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 25th January, 1928.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon, within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st January, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 14th February, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
25th January, 1928. [5810

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENTAL PORTS VIA STRAITS.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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25th January, 1928. [5809

CHINA NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LUCHOW"	On 29th Jan.,	8 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 29th Jan.,	9 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"NANNING"	On 29th Jan.,	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 30th Jan.,	10 a.m.
AMOY, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SINKIANG"	On 30th Jan.,	5 p.m.
BANGKOK	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 31st Jan.,	Noon
SHANGHAI	"YUNNAN"	On 1st Feb.,	7 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 2nd Feb.,	8 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 3rd Feb.,	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SZECHUEN"	On 4th Feb.,	7 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TEAN"	On 4th Feb.,	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW"	On 5th Feb.,	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 5th Feb.,	10 a.m.
AMOY, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"ICHANG"	On 6th Feb.,	6 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"HUPEH"	On 8th Feb.,	7 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"NEWCHWANG"	On 9th Feb.,	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SOOCHOW"	On 11th Feb.,	7 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KINGYUAN"	On 12th Feb.,	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 12th Feb.,	10 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 15th Feb.,	4 p.m.

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CHANGTE	6th April	13th April
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Shipping News
Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

January 26th.

Derwent, Chinese str., 1,582 tons, Capt. Wm. Brewer, from Saigon, which port she left on January 22nd, with rice and meal, lying at buoy No. A24.—Yuet On S.S. Co.

Malacca Maru, Japanese str., 3,210 tons, Capt. M. Sumi, from Shanghai, which port she left on January 23rd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Prominent, Norwegian str., 1,337 tons, Capt. C. W. Engebretsen, from Saigon, which part she left on January 21st, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C40.—Wo Fat Shing.

Solviken, Norwegian str., 1,435 tons, Capt. N. Norvalls, from Bangkok, which port she left on January 20th, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14.—Fau Yuen Hong.

January 27th.

Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. J. R. Shearer, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Taito Maru, Japanese str., 1,915 tons, Capt. S. Harada, from Keelung, which port she left on January 24th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B47.—M.B.K.

Talamba, British str., 8,018 tons, Capt. H. F. Minett, from Calcutta, which port she left on January 13th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf. Mackinnon, Mackinzie & Co.

Tran, British str., 1,351 tons, Capt. E. H. Histed, from Shanghai, which port she left on January 23rd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Zonma, Dutch str., 5,335 tons, Capt. K. E. Dike, from Shanghai, which port she left on January 24th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3.—J.C.J.L.

CLEARANCES.

January 27th.

City of Madras, for Shanghai.
Corona, for Chinwangtao.
Hai Ning, for Swatow.
Hanoi, for Kwong Chow Wan.
Hin Sang, for Sandakan.
Kitakata Maru, for Bangkok.
Malacca Maru, for Singapore.
Protesilaus, for Kobe.
Ryusei Maru, for Bangkok.
Santhia, for Singapore.
Shin Hing, for Macao.
Zonma, for Manila.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

Per s.s. *Talamba*, on January 27th:—Miss Smith, Miss J. Smith, Mrs. Astley, Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Milne, Mr. Grigg, Inspector King, Mr. Talambiras, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Denison, Captain Trigg, Miss Ramsisson.

Per s.s. *Arafura*, on January 27th:—Mr. L. Brookes, Mr. Wheeldon, Mr. Pepper, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Norton, Miss Norton, Miss Linnell, Miss Sarrett, Miss Hallwood, Miss De Lisle (All of these are members of The Globe Trotters Co.), Mr. J. P. Ulderup, Mrs. Way and infant, Mr. B. F. Blackeney, Mr. J. Waughan, Mr. T. Ward, Mr. H. Trencham, Miss G. L. Bendelack, Mr. and Mrs. D. Rhind.

FISHERMAN'S ORDEAL.

ALONE WITH DEAD MEN IN DRIFTING COBLE.

OVERCOME BY COLD.

GALWAY, Jan. 2nd.

The story of a man's experience alone with two dead companions for thirty-six hours in a frail currach (coble) on the wild sea off the coast of Connemara was told by Myles Joyce, a fisherman of the Aran Islands, to Mr. Conroy, the coroner for Galway, to-day, when an inquest was held on Patrick Connelly and Michael Burke.

Connelly and Burke, with Joyce, left Aran on Friday to fish, and having sold their fish on the mainland at Carraroe they began the return journey in their frail craft the same evening, a journey of twelve miles, without having food or drink with them.

A gale sprang up and the weather became intensely cold, so that Burke and Connelly were overcome and lay down in the bottom of the currach. Joyce continued rowing, and on touching Connelly's forehead found it cold. He called to Burke, but there was no answer. When the storm abated Joyce was so exhausted that he went to sleep sitting by his oars. His boat drifted all Friday night and all day on Saturday. He lay down in the boat, and when he had given up hope of being saved his craft drifted into a little creek near Spiddle, twelve miles west of Galway.

Dr. Sexton said death resulted from exposure, and a verdict in accordance with his evidence was returned. The Coroner suggested that the relatives of the victims were deserving subjects for the national relief fund subscribed in connection with the recent Western fishing disaster, as Connelly leaves a widow and eight children, and Burke a widow and three children.

VESSELS IN PORT.

The following were the vessels in port yesterday:—

British: *Santhia, City of Madras, Arafura, Chip Shing, Telemachus, Phroius, Huichow, Pheumpenh, New Mathilde, Foo Shing, Empress of Canada, Anking, Chenan, Kalgan, Yunnan, Hanning, Protesilaus, Chinkua, Hin Sang, Kiungchow, Wai Shing, Kueichow, Cape St. Agnes, Kiang Su, Apuey, Chusan, Kiukiang, Gorgistan, Wing Hong, Sumatra, Taikoo.*

Norwegian: *Solviken, Prominent, Orja, Daviken, Norviken, Corona, Hermond, Havdrot, Botnia, Gran, Rollon, Eiger, Kronviken, Mondego.*

Panama: *Pawnee.*

Japanese: *Matsumoto Maru, Taito Maru, Daigen Maru, Seattle Maru, Malacca Maru, Yeijun Maru, Mitakata Maru, Hozan Maru, Takazaga Maru, Ryugei Maru, Tacoma Maru, Nissei Maru.*

Chinese: *Wong Shek Kung, Lee On, Chien Lee, Mao Lee, Yuan Lee, Phranang, Derwent, Hung On, Heng Cheong, Sun Kong, Hoi Cheong, Naimun, Confucius, Ban Foo Soon, Poo Tye, Lee Cheong, Gen. H. Hunt, Gen. H. Knox, Man Sun.*

Dutch: *Hankow, Jan, Otto, Hong Kong.*

French: *Hanoi, Tonkin, Song Bo, Bourbon.*

Portuguese: *Kong On, King On.*

BRITISH FLEET GUNNERY.

REMARKABLE FIRING BY RENOWN AND HOOD.

The Naval Correspondent of the *Daily News* gives extracts from a detailed account of the recent gunnery practice by British warships.

The account appears in the German semi-official marine journal *Rundschau*, which describes how the *Hood* and the *Renown* steaming nineteen knots, fired fifteen inch guns at a target 131 feet long and 26½ feet high which was towed at a speed of ten knots. The firing began at 19,000 yards closing eventually at 15,300 yards.

"The target was soon a lamentable spectacle" says the German writer. No ship could have endured such a fire. The *Renown's* shooting was particularly good.

The *Daily News* Correspondent says that judging from this German report the gunnery of the British Fleet is in a high state of efficiency.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, January 27th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.94	29.92	29.89
Temperature	66	67	71
Humidity	84	97	89
Wind—			
Direction	E	Calm	E
Force	4	0	2
Weather	O	OF	O
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 28th: 69
Lowest open-air Temperature, 27th: 67

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From January 28th to Feb. 3rd, 1928.

Days of Week	Date of Month	High Water: Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water: Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Sat.	28	m 0 30	6 7	m 7 41	1 6
		2 12 a	4 8	7 12 a	3 1
Sun.	29	m 1 41	5 9	m 8 28	2 1
		3 3 a	5 2	8 48 a	3 1
Mon.	30	m 3 9	5 1	m 9 16	2 6
		4 4 a	5 6	10 34 a	2 8
Tues.	31	m 4 45	4 6	m 10 5	3 1
		4 54 a	5 1		
Wed.	1	m 6 38	4 2	m 0 9	2 2
		5 43 a	5 6	m 10 56	3 5
Thur.	2	m 8 15	4 1	m 1 24	1 6
		6 32 a	5 1	m 11 43	3 7
Fri.	3	m 9 17	4 2	m 2 22	1 1
		7 20 a	5 4	0 39 a	3 6

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

For JANUARY, 1928.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
January 28th	7.04 a.m.	6.09 p.m.
,, 29th	7.04 ,,	6.10 ,,
,, 30th	7.04 ,,	6.10 ,,
,, 31st	7.03 ,,	6.11 ,,

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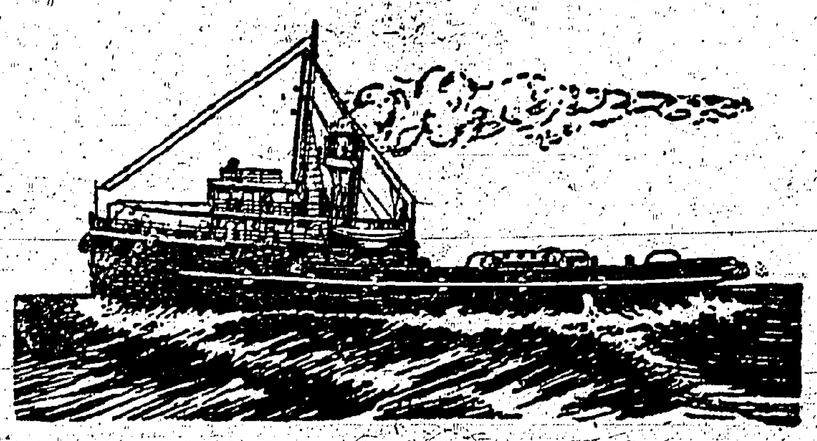

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS

To	Steamship	Date
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"POOSHING"	Sun., 29th Jan., at 7 a.m.
	"KWONGSANG"	Wed., 1st Feb., at 7 a.m.
	"CHAKSANG"	Sun., 5th Feb., at 7 a.m.
	"KWAISANG"	Wed., 8th Feb., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSHING"	Mon., 30th Jan., at 5 p.m.
	"CHEONGSHING"	Wed., 8th Feb., at 5 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"LAISANG"	Tues., 31st Jan., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI & KOBE	"FOOKSANG"	Mon., 13th Feb., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"CHAKSANG"	Sun., 29th Jan., at 10 p.m.
	"KWAISANG"	Thurs., 2nd Feb., at 3 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Thurs., 2nd Feb., at 3 p.m.
	"KUTSANG"	Wed., 8th Feb., at 3 p.m.
	"KUMSANG"	Sun., 12th Feb., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Satur., 28th Jan., at 3 p.m.
	"MAUSANG"	Wed., 8th Feb., at 3 p.m.

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M.S. "Java"	30th January	29th February
M.S. "Australien" ...	14th February	25th March
M.S. "Asia" ...	21st February	1st April
M.S. "Afrika"	21st March	30th April
M.S. "Malaya" ...	18th April	27th May
M.S. "Danmark" ...	25th May	30th June

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

GOOD THROUGH CARGO.

LOCAL IMPORTS FAIR.

There were fourteen vessels arriving into port during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday and freights for ports beyond the Colony were above the average. Local imports were normal. Of the through cargo, British ships were the best contributors.

For Hong Kong there were 13,784 tns of general merchandise. Of these, three British steamers accounted for only 1,775 tons. The two best returns were 2,844 tons of rice by the *Daigan Maru* from Bangkok and 2,218 tons of the same commodity by the Norwegian steamer *Prominent* from Saigon.

Through freights totalled 22,074 tons. Four British vessels decounted for no fewer than 14,097 tons. The two best returns were shown by the British ships *Gleniffer* and the *City of Madras*. The former arriving from Kobe and Shanghai had 7,800 tons and the latter from Dunkirk and Singapore carried 5,027 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	7
French	2	0
Norwegian	2	1
Japanese	5	1
Chinese	1	4
German	0	1
Total	14	14

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President Madison, Jan. 30th.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Changte, Feb. 7th.
Taiping, Mar. 9th.

Bank Line.
City of Benares, Feb. 19th.
City of Adelaide, Feb. 14th.
City of Dunkirk, Mar. 17th.
City of Bombay, April 4th.
City of Eastbourne, April 11th.
City of Carlisle, April 14th.

Ben Line.
Benledi, to-day.

British-India and Apcar Line.
Takada, Feb. 10th.
Tilawa, Feb. 10th.

Blue Funnel Line.
Ningchow, Feb. 2nd.
Philoctetes, Feb. 5th.
Talthybius, Feb. 7th.
Aeneas, Feb. 13th.
Autolycus, Feb. 19th.
Achilles, Feb. 29th.
Polyphemus, Feb. 28th.
Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.
Calchas, Mar. 4th.
Sarpedon, Mar. 8th.
Rhesus, Mar. 16th.
Teiresias, Mar. 18th.
Tyndareus, Mar. 18th.
Menelaus, Mar. 22nd.
Eurylochus, Mar. 27th.
Automedon, April 1st.
Patroclus, April 5th.
Protesilaus, April 10th.
Phemius, April 11th.
Agapenor, April 15th.
Laomedon, April 24th.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Australia, Feb. 10th.

Dollar Steamship Line.
President Wilson, to-day.
President Cleveland, Jan. 30th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Java, Jan. 30th.
Australian, Feb. 14th.
Asia, Feb. 21st.
Afrika, Mar. 21st.
Malaya, April 15th.
Danmark, May 25th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.
Tanda, Feb. 8th.
St. Albans, Mar. 5th.

Glen Line.
Glensanda, Feb. 1st.
Glenapp, Feb. 7th.
Glenluce, Feb. 24th.
Carmarthenshire, March 5th.
Glengarry, March 16th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linion.
Saarland, Feb. 8th.
Havelland, Feb. 10th.
Emil Kirdorf, Feb. 28th.
Havenstein, March 7th.
Scheer, Mar. 12th.
Carl Legien, March 23rd.

Java-China-Japan Lijn.
Tjibodas, Jan. 31st.
Tjikembang, Feb. 2nd.
Tjisondari, Feb. 8th.
Tjiliwong, Feb. 13th.
Tjitaroem, Feb. 13th.
Tjikarang, Feb. 16th.
Tjikembang, Feb. 20th.
Tjipanas, Feb. 26th.
Tjisalak, Feb. 27th.
Tjibeboet, Feb. 27th.
Tjisaroea, March 1st.

Messageries Maritimes.
Yangtse, Jan. 31st.
General Metzinger, Feb. 1st.
Sphinx, Feb. 15th.
Yalou, Feb. 25th.
Porthos, Feb. 29th.
Paul Lecat, Mar. 14th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Haruna Maru, to-day.
Tatsuno Maru, Feb. 1st.
Delagoa Maru, Feb. 6th.
Tottori Maru, Feb. 8th.
Kamo Maru, Feb. 10th.
Mishimi Maru, Feb. 12th.
Calcutta Maru, Feb. 19th.
Katori Maru, Feb. 24th.
Kawachi Maru, Feb. 28th.
Taketoyo Maru, Mar. 6th.
Atsuta Maru, Mar. 9th.
Kakata Maru, Mar. 20th.
Tango Maru, Mar. 20th.
Tenyo Maru, Jan. 27th.
Sado Maru, Jan. 29th.
Rangoon Maru, Jan. 30th.
Seiyo Maru, Jan. 30th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
Augsburg, Feb. 4th.
Coblenz, Feb. 14th.
Oder, Feb. 29th.
Fulda, March 12th.

Peninsular and Oriental.
Kidderpore, Feb. 2nd.
Khiva, Feb. 3rd.
Macedonia, Feb. 3rd.
Malwa, Feb. 3rd.
Karmala, Feb. 10th.
Kalyan, Feb. 17th.
Kashmir, Feb. 17th.
Mantua, Mar. 1st.
Nagpore, March 12th.
Mongolia, Mar. 16th.
Morea, Mar. 29th.
Jeypore, April 9th.
Kashgar, April 12th.
Malwa, April 26th.

Prince Line.
Japanese Prince, to-morrow.
Chinese Prince, Feb. 21st.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.
Ceylon, Feb. 5th.
Sumatra, Mar. 5th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

RESUMES HER RUN.

[E. LONGSHOREMAN.]

The *San Nam Hoi*, which was recently the victim of piracy, the Chief Officer and two Indian Guards being killed, resumed her run between Hong Kong and Kongmoon last evening.

Going On Leave.

Commander C. F. Hole, R.N., is proceeding on Home leave by the P. & O. s.s. *Macedonia*, on March 3rd, and during his absence, Commander Newill act in his place.

Gone To Dock.

The *Fuet On* which experienced engine trouble on leaving for Canton on Wednesday night, has gone into Kowloon Dock for repair.

Dangerous Goods.

Dangerous goods manifested by vessels arriving into port yesterday were 117 boxes of matches by the s.s. *Santhia* from Osaka and Moji.

On the *Seattle Maru* from Yokohama and Moji there were 17 tons of nitric, sulphuric and hydrochloride acid for Hong Kong. For ports beyond there were 157 tons of matches and 13 tons of calcium carbide.

The *Malacca Maru*, from Yokohama and Shanghai, had 230 cases of hydrochloride acid and 50 tons of sulphuric acid.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Asiatic deck passengers entering the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 85. These were brought in by eight steamers.

Kowloon Point Dredging.

In a notice issued to mariners by the Harbour Department yesterday, it was stated that when dredging operations are to be carried out off Kowloon Point. Two red buoys will be laid on the line marking the western edge of the Cable Reserve in positions 1,200 feet and 500 feet from Kowloon shore.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:—

North Wall Basin, *Ambrose, Kharki*; South Wall Basin, S/Ms. *L.5, L.19*; East Wall Basin, *Cicala, Gannet, Peterel*; North Arm, *Titania*, S/Ms. *L.2, L.3, L.7, L.8, L.15, L.20, L.33*; West Wall Dock, *Petersfield, Wolverine, Seraph*; In Dock, *Herald*, S/Ms. *L.4, L.27*: No. 1 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 4 Buoy, *Iroquois*; No. 7 Buoy, *Sepoy*; No. 8 Buoy, *Marazion*; No. 9 Buoy, *Hollyhock*; No. 12 Buoy, *Bluebell*; No. 13 Buoy, *Scrapis, Sirdar*; No 18 Buoy, *Ruthenia*; No. 19 Buoy, *Francol*; No. 20 Buoy, *Fortol, Belgol*.

Foreign Men of War:—Italian, *S. Cuboto*; Portrguese, *Pero De Alenquer*; U.S.S. *Sacramento, Asheville*.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The m.v. *Japanese Prince*, from New York, sailed from Shanghai on the 26th inst. at 4 p.m., and is expected to arrive here to-morrow (Sunday) at daylight.

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"KHYBER"	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull.
"NELLORE"	6,653	25th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	29th Feb.	Straits and Bombay.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles and London.
‡"KHIVA"	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull.
"KARMALA"	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	31st Mar.	do.
‡"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
‡"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April	Marseilles and London.
"NAGPORE"	5,283	21st April	do.
"MOREA"	10,953	28th April	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,986	26th May	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	9th June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd June	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,946	21st July	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,585	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	18th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	1st Sept.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,986	15th Sept.	Marseilles and London.

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"SANTHIA"	7,754	28th Jan., 11 a.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKADA"	6,949	12th Feb.	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	25th Feb.	do.

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"TANDA"	6,956	2nd Mar.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th Mar.	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	27th Apr.	Sydney and Melbourne.

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"TALAMBA"	8,018	30th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
•"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	2nd Feb.	Moji and Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,135	3rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	4th Feb.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,956	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"KARMALA"	9,128	11th Feb.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,006	12th Feb.	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	18th Feb.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	20th Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KALYAN"	9,144	25th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	1st Mar.	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MANTUA"	10,946	2nd Mar.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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"ARAFURA"	6,000	3rd April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
•"JEYPORE"	9,318	10th April	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	13th April	do.
"MALWA"	10,986	27th April	do.
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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan & Shanghai ...	*Haruna Maru* ...	28th Jan.
Europe via Negapatam (letters only, London 29th Dec., 1927) ...	*Isuzugawa* ...	28th Jan.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Wilson* ...	28th Jan.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Madison* ...	30th Jan.
Manila	*Pres. Cleveland*	30th Jan.
Japan & Shanghai	*Malwa*	3rd Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
		Saturday, 28th.
Bangkok	*Ryuwei Maru* ...	8.30 A M
Saigon	*Confucius* ...	8.30 A M
*Straits and Calcutta	*Santhia* ...	9.00 A M
Japan, Canada, U.S.A. C. & S. America & *Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 21st Feb.	*Protesilaus* ...	Reg. 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M *Kowloon P.O.*
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 26th Feb.	*Haruna Maru* ...	Reg. 10.00 A M Letters 1.00 P M *G.P.O.*
		Reg. 12.45 P M Letters 1.30 P M
Sandakan	*Hinsang* ...	1.30 P M
Bangkok	*Kitakata Maru* ...	3.30 P M
Manila	*Pres. Wilson*	5.00 P M
Amoy	*Anking*	5.00 P M
*Moihow, Pakhoi and *Haiphong	*Nanning* ..	5.00 P M
Touraue...	*Phrasang* ..	5.00 P M
Hoihow and Haiphong	*New Mathilde* ...	5.00 P M
		Sunday, 29th.
Bangkok via Swatow	*Kaigan* ...	8.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Hosan Maru* ..	9.00 A M
		Monday, 30th.
Swatow	*Hydrangea*	2.30 P M
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America & *Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 23rd Feb., & Europe via Siberia	*Pres. Cleveland*	Parcels 3.00 P M Reg. 4.15 P M Letters 5.00 P M
Amoy	*Sintiang*	3.30 P M
		Tuesday, 31st
Bangkok	*Kiangchow* ...	10.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ching*	Noon
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 2nd March	*Angora*	*Kowloon P.O.* Reg. 1.00 P M Letters 1.00 P M *G.P.O.* Reg. 1.45 P M Letters 2.30 P M
Manila	*Pres. Madison* ..	4.30 P M
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia	*Yunnan*	5.00 P M
		—FEBRUARY—
		Wednesday, 1st,
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	*Taikoo Maru* ...	8.30 A M
		Thursday, 2nd,
Straits —	*Van Heutsz* ..	10.30 A M
		Friday, 3rd,
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Hong*	Noon
		Kowloon P.O.
		Parcels 4.30 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 2nd Mar.	*Malwa*	Reg., 4th, 9.00 A M Letters 10.00 A M *G.P.O.*
		Par., 3rd, 5.00 P M
		Reg. 4th, 9.45 A M
		Letters 10.30 A M
		Tuesday, 7th.
		Kowloon P.O.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 9th March ...	*Perseus* ...	Reg. 1.00 P M Letters 1.00 P M *G.P.O.*
		Reg. 1.45 P M Letters 2.30 P M

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.

Hong Kong, 13th Sept., 1927. [26

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For the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. C. HYNES,
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Hong Kong, 13th Sept., 1927. [2

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O. STEENSTRA,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 30th July, 1927. [34

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H. MORI, Manager
Hong Kong 12th September 1927 [35

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J. B. GEORGE,
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Hong Kong 6th Jan., 1928. [30

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A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st January, 1928.

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Paid-up Capital £1,050,000
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C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 19th April, 1927. [29

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SHOU-J. CHEN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 29th June, 1927. [38

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Subscribed Capital..Frs.72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ...Frs.68,400,000.00
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CH. LEM,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1927. [32

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Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/1⅛
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ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1.245
Credits, 4 months' sight	1.320
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	49⅞
Credits, at 60 days' sight	50⅛
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	134⅛
Bank Bills, on demand	134⅛
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	134⅛
Bank Bills, on demand	134⅛
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand	103⅜
ON MANILA.—On demand	98⅜
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand	86⅞
ON BATAVIA.—On demand	121⅛
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